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The Oregon Senate Republican Caucus issued the following statement after the Oregon Court of Appeals' decision today to uphold Measure 114, an unconstitutional and deeply flawed gun control law that will make Oregonians less safe while burdening law-abiding citizens with unnecessary restrictions.

“Measure 114 is an alarming attack on the constitutional rights of responsible Oregonians. It was poorly conceived from the start, creating a bureaucratic nightmare for law enforcement and infringing on the rights of law-abiding gun owners. The measure does nothing to address crime, hold criminals accountable, or improve public safety. Instead, it criminalizes responsible citizens while making it harder for them to protect themselves and their families.

“We have already seen the legal and logistical chaos caused by this law. It was immediately challenged in court, with a Harney County judge rightfully blocking it due to clear constitutional concerns. Yet now, despite years of legal uncertainty and overwhelming opposition from rural communities and law enforcement, the Court of Appeals has decided to ignore the real-world consequences and push forward an extreme, unworkable policy.

“Requiring a permit to exercise a constitutional right is an outrageous overreach, and restricting magazine capacity will do nothing to stop violent criminals. Our law enforcement agencies are already stretched thin, and Measure 114 will only make their jobs harder by forcing them to dedicate time and resources to a permitting scheme that serves no public safety purpose.

“Oregonians deserve laws that actually target criminals, not laws that punish law-abiding citizens for exercising their fundamental rights. Senate Republicans will continue fighting for policies that protect both public safety and individual freedoms. We urge the Oregon Supreme Court to take up this case and uphold the constitutional rights of Oregonians.”

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