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On Behalf Of:
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Oregon's Measure 114 is a blatant violation of the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

As a Husband and Father, I strongly oppose this measure. This measure puts roadblocks and diminishes my ability to protect my family, myself, and my community. This measure has a backward viewpoint of trying to restrict the ability of evildoers (who will ultimately ignore the law), and instead restricts MY ability to protect my family. I've all ready taken 8 firearms training courses, but I'll have to attend YOUR training, jump through all your hoops to exercise my second ammendment right, and still, I'll have to stop to reload, while the bad guy shoots my daughter. Did HE take your training and do a background check before he stole that gun from a parked car down the street?

This measure, similarly drafted in other states, has lost upon Supreme Court challenge every time. This measure is not supported by law enforcement, does not provide a structure or funding for the added burden to law enforcement, and the majority of law enforcement has committed to not enforce this unconstitutional measure as they have sworn an oath to defend the Constitution. This measure will vilify those who are most able and willing to protect the lives of their fellow citizens and will embolden those who will not follow the law. Furthermore, this measure will continue to cost Oregonians as the Governor and her staff will continue to spend millions of dollars fighting to install an unconstitutional mandate that is ultimately headed for defeat in either state or federal Supreme Court challenge. This measure creates no solution to the challenges of violence that involves guns. This measure succeeds only in creating a further divide amongst those who train and strive to protect others by carrying firearms lawfully and those who purport to want 'reasonable gun laws' while continually demonizing the former. This measure must, and will, be struck down.

Some additional points:

Adds a significant financial burden in order to "secure" a Constitutional right. How much do you PAY to access your 1st or 4th Amendment rights? Do you pay every time you want to do so?

-Requires any challenge to the measure to be fought in Marion County, where they have the votes, despite the measure affecting all of Oregon.

-Disproportionately affects those of lower socioeconomic status. If you can pay, then you can protect yourself... if not... too bad (according to Governor Kotek).

Thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you and may you join us in creating healthy and faithful families and communities.