There are more guns in this country than there are people. Consequently the US is the most gun violent country in the industrial world. Gun violence is the number 1 cause of death of our children in the US. Oregon is no exception. Background checks has a major loophole allowing a person to purchase a gun even though they are unstable and have posted threatening comments on social media. An AR 15 with a magazine that holds 30 rounds is only designed for war. However it is one of the main weapons used in mass shootings.

I am a survivor of a step-son who was shot and killed at a party when he was 18 years old. It completely destroyed our family.

We need tighter gun safety laws like Measure 114 that protects our children and our community.

I urge the expedient implementation of Measure 114 to protect our state.