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This bill is an affront not only to our state constitution, and the United States Constitution, but to the proper processes and procedures that keep our system running fairly and smoothly.

By passing this bill, the multiple, enjoined, federal and state lawsuits regarding Measure 114 may have to be dismissed as moot, allowing you to circumvent the proper judicial process which is already ongoing. This is a sleazy tactic that serves no other purpose than to prove that you know that the original measure is unconstitutional and would rather draw out the legal battle in the hopes that we run out of money before the battle reaches the U.S. Supreme Court.

The text of Bruen, and the framework laid out by the U.S. Supreme court in that case, clearly defines the requirements for all anti-firearm laws such as Measure 114 and HB3075. In neither case do these laws obey the standards set out by the highest court in the nation and honor the historic tradition of firearm ownership in this country.

Remember that you have a duty to uphold the Oregon and United States constitutions. Honor your oath of office. An unconstitutional law does not simply become constitutional because a slim majority supports it.

Each one of you would likely say that it's not your responsibility to determine if a law is constitutional. But at the very least, your actions here show that you're not willing to follow the constitutionally-defined processes that allow that determination to take place.

So again, remember your oath. Allow the process to proceed in the manner that our constitution dictates. Allow the appeals process to work as designed. Do *\*not\** try to circumvent the process by passing an alternate law that could affect the ongoing legal battles.

Lastly, this new law further discriminates against the poor and minorities by making gun ownership even more expensive, as though it's a right only afforded to the wealthy and upper class citizens. We all know full well that gun control has its roots in racial discrimination, but you're waging a war against the rights of the lower classes as well (<https://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/crime/332240-democratic-double-standard-on-crime-hurts-the-poor/>). The middle and upper classes may have the time and money to participate in your ridiculous processes, but you're trampling on the rights of those who can't afford to. By reserving firearm ownership to the wealthy and

elite, you're continuing in the tradition of subjecting citizens you clearly look down upon, and sending the message that your right to self defense depends entirely on your income level.

Stop with this charade. Stop championing unconstitutional laws that violate the rights of Oregonians. Stop trying to bi-pass the proper processes so that you can circumvent checks and balances. Stop discriminating against the indigent and minorities.