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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello everyone, as a constituent, registered voter, Oregon resident, and more importantly a "gun violence" survivor I strongly OPPOSE measure 114 and all associated actions. I survived an accidental gun shot wound to the chest, leaving me paralyzed for life. I am speaking on behalf of those who didn't survive that would oppose such bills. First, we have to stop blaming the gun, it's nothing more than an inanimate tool. The real term should be "people violence", a gun just happens to be the tool of choice. These bills/laws do nothing to the criminals using them. Only 7% of firearms used in crimes were purchased legally, and these bills won't prevent that 7% from happening, just slow it down. Meanwhile, for the other 93% it's business as usual. So who does this impact? People like me! People that aren't physically capable of fleeing or physically defending themselves. I jumped through all the hoops to get my concealed weapons permit, and it gives me a GREAT DEAL of piece of mind knowing that if I am put in a situation where I need to defend myself (criminals often target women/elderly/disabled as we are "easy" targets), I have an equal chance of survival. I can assure you that many of the deceased victims of "gun violence" would be saying this very thing, if they would have been equally armed there is a substantial chance they would be alive today and oppose these actions just as I am. Unfortunately they aren't alive to do so, so I am speaking on their behalf. Instead of making it more difficult for me to defend myself by not only increasing the difficulties, but by putting a 10 round limit you are negating my defense against the criminal who may have 30 rounds at his disposal. Again criminals don't follow laws, but I have to. The founders of this nation made gun ownership number 2 for a reason, and no it didn't apply to muskets, it is intended to apply to the most lethal weapon a person can carry, which at the time was a musket. If you want to talk statistical probability, take a look at the demographic who are committing 4.5 out of 5 of the offenses, but we can't go there, society opposes that we look at racial factors. This could all be addressed effectively if the CURRENT LAWS WERE ENFORCED to the maximum allowed. Instead we give leanancey, a slap on the wrist. In closing I'm begging you to just stop with these "feel good" measures. Be tougher on the offenders, not the defenders. Please vote NO on this nonsense. We have enough constraints, enforce what we have.

Thank you, Ron H