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Imagine a single mother in a rural Oregon town, far from police response, hearing a window shatter in the dead of night. She's never owned a gun before, but rising crime-break-ins, thefts, threats— has left her terrified for her children's safety. Under Measure 114, she can't simply go to a store and buy a firearm for protection. She must first navigate a complex permitting process: pay fees she might not afford, find a safety course that may not exist nearby, and wait for approval while hoping nothing happens in the meantime. Every day she's delayed is another day she lies awake, heart pounding, praying the shadows outside don't turn into something worse. This isn't safety-it's abandonment. Law-abiding Oregonians like her aren't the problem, yet Measure 114 punishes them, stripping away their peace of mind and leaving them defenseless against threats the state can't—or won't-stop.

At its core, Measure 114 is an emotional betrayal.

Oregonians-hunters, veterans, parents, everyday people-have responsibly exercised their constitutional rights for generations. Now, they're told they're the problem, presumed dangerous until they prove otherwise to a government that can't even keep criminals off the streets. This isn't about safety; it's about control, and it erodes the trust between citizens and the state. The Second Amendment isn't just words on paper-it's a lifeline for those who've felt the cold grip of fear and know that help isn't always coming. Measure 114 rips that lifeline away, leaving law-abiding Oregonians exposed and afraid. Oregon doesn't need more laws that punish the innocent-it needs to hold criminals accountable.

Arrest them, prosecute them, keep them locked up.

Leave law-abiding citizens alone to protect themselves as they see fit. Measure 114 doesn't save lives; it endangers them, trading the safety of Oregonians for a feel-good illusion that collapses under scrutiny. Vote it down, repeal it, fight it— because every day it stands, good people suffer while evil goes unchecked . The ban on magazines over 10 rounds is another hollow promise dressed up as progress.

Supporters claim it will curb mass shootings, but a determined killer can reload in seconds or carry multiple magazines-laws don't stop evil intent. For the law-abiding citizen, though, this restriction cuts deep. A woman escaping an abusive ex, facing multiple attackers, or a homeowner outnumbered by intruders doesn't get a second chance if her magazine runs dry. Ten rounds might sound reasonable in a sterile debate, but in the chaos of real danger, it's a gamble with lives. Measure 114 takes away the tools Oregonians need to protect themselves, leaving them to face their worst fears under artificial limits that criminals will ignore.