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This legislation directly restricts my ability to utilize the majority of my firearms specifically pistols. Many common pistols are designed to carry more than 10 rounds and manufacturers DO NOT always provide magazines of 10 rounds or less. By passing this legislation you will make it illegal for me safely use these firearms at a range for target or competition shooting. You will also make me a criminal if I am found with a magazine that I have lawfully obtained that is integral to the operation of a legally obtained firearm. This is directly violating my second amendment rights under the State and Federal Constitutions. "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED". I am happy to comply with background checks (even enhanced processes) because I am law abiding and responsible. The purpose of this law is NOT to make anyone safer it is to restrict the rights of law-abiding gun owners in Oregon because criminals may use these weapons to break the law or endanger the public. Taking away my rights will not make anyone in Oregon safer. These weapons are already in the public domain along with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds (for most firearms we call those standard magazines). Since criminals do not follow the law, this will have no effect on criminal behavior. It will also have no effect on school or mass shootings. Anyone sick enough to plan an attack like this could also plan to have multiple firearms or 10 round magazines with them. If a school, mall, theater or any other soft target is unarmed (no police or lawfully concealed carrier present) a shooter would have unlimited time to reload or utilize another weapon. The chance of a good guy lawfully carrying a firearm will be significantly diminished if this law is passed simply due to the restrictions on magazine. If they are carrying their ability to respond may be insufficient compared to a criminal shooter.

This law was conceived by people who do not know anything about firearms except that they want them banned. It is a pro-criminal bill in a time when crime in Oregon is out of control. You should be on the side of the law-abiding citizen gun owner and not the criminal. Law-abiding gun owners are for safety and background checks, but this law goes too far by making us all criminals overnight. I urge you to vote no on this bill and maintain the freedoms that Oregonians have enjoyed for over 150 years.