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I stand for the rights of LGBTQ+, women, trans, POC, immigrants, and other minorities whose right to exist peaceably in this country is currently under threat by our federal government, some state governments, and emboldened white supremacist and Nazi groups across our country. I absolutely oppose this bill and similar efforts that curtail the rights of the common working-class citizen to utilize their 2nd Amendment rights.

I and others like me would support measures that would help and get bipartisan support without trampling the rights of ordinary Oregonians to defend themselves, such as funding for free firearms safety and education classes made available to the public, a revamping of our mental healthcare system to provide support for those at risk of committing acts of violence due to other compounding mental health issues, and tax breaks and subsidies that incentivize the purchase of gun safes for peoples homes to keep firearms out of the hands of unattended children.

Ronald Reagan would frankly be proud of this bill and Measure 114. It's the same type of legislation his Republican cabinet passed to prevent POC from defending themselves against a violently racist police force in CA. The department that denied Martin Luther King Jr's application for a concealed carry permit following the bombing of his home would also be proud. It's the same type of legislation that allowed them to leave the civil rights leader defenseless. Yet our Democratic leadership seems to support a measure that gives groups with disproportionate power and a tendency towards racism, profiling, militancy and human rights abuses among the members of their ranks the final word on who (and who doesn't) get to own and carry a firearm.

The Democratic party needs to realize that the 2nd Amendment isn't just for Republicans, it's for Democrats and their constituents as well. More Democrats are becoming gun owners now than ever before. Additionally, many Republicans are single-issue voters on the 2nd Amendment. Democrats would likely be shocked at how quickly many Republicans would switch sides if they dropped their performative and uninformed positions against firearms ownership and instead pushed for state-funded safety awareness, education, mental health services, training, and safe storage incentives that would benefit all Oregonians.

Very Respectfully,
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