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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon Ballot Measure 114, which I believe to be an unconstitutional overreach that unjustly infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. This measure, which requires a permit to purchase firearms and bans standard-capacity magazines, violates both the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon State Constitution, particularly the right to keep and bear arms.

The permit-to-purchase requirement imposes undue financial and bureaucratic burdens on responsible gun owners while doing little to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms illegally. The process, which includes mandatory training, fingerprinting, and subjective law enforcement approval, creates a government registry of gun owners—a direct violation of privacy rights and an unnecessary restriction on the Second Amendment.

Additionally, the ban on standard-capacity magazines arbitrarily limits law-abiding citizens' ability to protect themselves. Criminals do not abide by magazine limits, and restricting responsible gun owners only serves to disadvantage those who follow the law. This measure does not address the root causes of crime but instead penalizes ordinary citizens for exercising their constitutional rights.

Beyond the constitutional concerns, Measure 114 disproportionately harms underprivileged communities by making self-defense a privilege for those who can afford the associated costs and delays. It also diverts valuable law enforcement resources from real crime prevention, further endangering public safety.

I urge you to oppose the enforcement of Measure 114 and to support legal action to overturn it. Instead of targeting responsible citizens, Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health resources, and addressing criminal activity.

Thank you