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My name is Trenton, and I am a lifelong Oregonian, a responsible hunter, and a law-abiding gun owner. When Measure 114 narrowly passed in 2022, I felt a profound sense of injustice. This measure undermines the rights granted to me by both the U.S. and Oregon constitutions, stripping away fundamental liberties established by our forefathers—all while failing to address the root causes of gun violence.

As someone who has never broken the law, I have undergone multiple background checks and completed firearm safety courses to ensure the safety of myself and those around me. Despite this, Measure 114 imposes unnecessary and burdensome requirements on law-abiding citizens like me. The measure mandates a permit to purchase a firearm, turning a constitutional right into a privilege that must be earned. The permit process is convoluted and costly, creating financial and logistical barriers that discourage individuals from exercising their Second Amendment rights.

Background checks are already a standard part of firearm purchases, and I have completed several to obtain my Concealed Handgun License (CHL).

The magazine ban is another overreach, arbitrarily labeling anything over 10 rounds as "large capacity," even though such magazines are standard for many firearms.

Some firearms do not even have a 10-round option. Measure 114 criminalizes responsible gun owners overnight, restricting the use of these magazines to private property or shooting ranges. Even when transporting firearms and magazines in compliance with the law—locked and stored separately—I remain at risk of prosecution due to the law's vague and nearly impossible-to-prove "affirmative defense" requirement. How can I demonstrate ownership of these items before the law's enactment?

Measure 114 disproportionately impacts rural Oregonians, who already face unique challenges compared to urban residents. It is unconstitutional, and any effort to further its principles, such as HB 3075, is equally unconstitutional. I stand firmly with those who oppose these measures and will continue to advocate for the preservation of our constitutional rights.