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I oppose Ballot measure 114. Gun registration and gun owner licensing would NOT prevent or solve crimes. Most people sent to prison for gun crimes acquire guns from theft, the black market, or acquaintances. By passing Ballot measure 114 you are in fact criminalizing legal gun owners. This would make gun owners that possess magazines with a capacity larger than 10 rounds that were obtained legally now felons according to this bill. This bill requires "proof" of ownership of "high capacity" magazines prior to December, 2022. This grandfathering of this requirement is ludicrous. I hope everyone who supports this bill saves every single receipt of every purchase they made for years to come.

Criminal background checks to obtain firearms are absolutely necessary. But by identifying legal gun owners and creating a registry of such owners is unconstitutional under the second amendment. Ballot measure 114 is the states attempt of creating a gun owner registry and to criminalize legal, law abiding gun owners and in fact labeling them and in most cases criminalizing them.

I live in a county where law enforcement coverage is at times nonexistent and at best coverage is often sparse. I should absolutely have the right to defend myself when often help on a 911 call can be several hours away.

I will reiterate a once again that a gun owner permitting and magazine capacity will NOT stop gun violence. It will only identify lawful gun owners and still allow criminals to obtain firearms illegally.