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On Behalf Of:
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Good day, honorable members of the committee. My name is Jered Reid, and I am a resident of Milwaukie, Oregon. I'm writing this today to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 114. As a law-abiding citizen, and 20+ year CCL holder who values the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution, and as a survivor of 3 murdered family members that weren't able to defend themselves as I am today respectfully urge you to vote against this bill.

HB 114 raises serious concerns about our Second Amendment rights. The U.S. Constitution clearly states that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” This bill, with its restrictions on [firearms/ammunition], places unnecessary limits on law-abiding Oregonians who rely on these rights for self-defense, recreation, and personal security. The Supreme Court has consistently upheld the individual right to bear arms, and any legislation that erodes this freedom must be approached with extreme caution. HB 114 fails this test by prioritizing restriction over liberty.

Beyond constitutional issues, there’s little evidence that laws like HB 114 actually make us safer. Research often shows that stricter gun control does not consistently reduce violent crime. Criminals, who by their nature ignore laws, will continue to access firearms illegally, while law-abiding citizens bear the burden of compliance. For example, cities with tight gun laws still struggle with high crime rates, suggesting that the problem lies elsewhere—mental health, economic disparity, or inadequate enforcement of existing laws. HB 114 is a superficial fix that punishes the responsible rather than addressing the root causes of violence.

This bill also risks unintended harm. It disproportionately impacts law-abiding Oregonians—hunters, sport shooters, and rural residents who depend on firearms for protection. As a traveling Oregonian, I rely on my firearm to protect my family from wildlife and potential threats. HB 114 would make it harder and costlier to maintain that security. Additionally, the bill’s restrictions could overwhelm law enforcement with new regulatory demands, diverting resources from proactive crime-fighting efforts. We should not penalize the lawful to create an illusion of safety.

Enforcement of HB 114 poses another challenge. Oregon’s sheriffs and police departments are already understaffed and overworked. Adding complex new rules—such as [specific provision, e.g., “background checks for every ammunition purchase”]—is impractical and costly. How will compliance be monitored effectively? The answer is, it won’t. Instead, we’ll see confusion, wasted resources, and

frustration among citizens and officers alike. Good policy must be enforceable, and HB 114 falls short.

I recognize that supporters of HB 114 may claim it's a necessary step for public safety. I share their desire for safer communities, but restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens is not the solution. True safety comes from tackling mental health crises, strengthening community resources, and enforcing the laws already on the books. HB 114 offers a false promise, trading freedom for a measure that won't deliver the results we all want.

In summary, HB 114 is an unconstitutional, ineffective, and impractical proposal. It undermines our Second Amendment rights, fails to address the real drivers of violence, and burdens Oregonians with unenforceable regulations. I respectfully urge this committee to vote no on HB 114 and pursue solutions that respect our liberties while genuinely improving public safety. Thank you for your time and attention.

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