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For decades, opportunistic dictators and fearful politicians have created and leveraged irrational fear over firearms to criminalize good and decent people, and in this case, Oregonians. Measure 114 and HB 3075 are doing exactly that.

Unconstitutional and overreaching gun legislation will not reduce crime. Look no further than the states and cities with the country's most stringent gun laws. Despite their oppressive gun laws, crime still abounds.

In fact, M114 and HB 3075 will INCREASE crime, as you will be criminalizing the God-given, natural rights of Oregonians to defend themselves through any means necessary.

Criminalizing hundreds of thousands of decent Oregonians — who are otherwise law-abiding but will NOT comply with nanny-state gun restrictions — is wrong. It is oppressive. It is short-sighted. It is dangerous. It demonstrates little understanding for the way of life of fellow Oregonians (outside of Portland). It is un-American.

There are effective ways to reduce violence and crime. The comically nonsensical and oppressive restrictions M114 and HB3075 are not among them.

In the strongest possible terms, I implore elected legislators to do what you've sworn an oath to do — preserve and protect the rights of Oregonians.