

I am Mario Welliver, a sophomore and member of Students Demand Action, as well as the president of Lake Oswego High School's SDA chapter. I remember the first time I heard about Measure 114 in 2022, and feeling relief. Although I do not let the fear of guns control my life, gun violence has made its way into my life time and time again, like many other Oregonians. When I was a toddler, I remember hearing my parents discuss a tragic incident of domestic violence, where one of our family friends was shot in the eye by her boyfriend. I remember 4th grade, being confused and scared as my friend's mother looked at my friend, his sister, and me in the party room of the Lloyd Center Ice Rink, as us and other ice skaters huddled close together during a lockdown. I remember in 7th grade, crying to myself during a lockdown, from the fear that my sisters at the high school across the street were in danger of their lives; and unfortunately, I was one of the lucky Oregonians, who never had to endure an active shooting. There's no doubt Measure 114 will help prevent shootings and suicides, notably by closing the Charleston Loophole, and by banning the sale of large capacity magazines, which both play integral roles in allowing for the deaths of innocent bystanders to take place. House Bill 3075 will further prevent gun violence by improving Measure 114, through enacting specific policies that ensure the measure will run smoothly. By passing HB 3075, Oregon will be putting state agencies in the best position to vet permit applications and issue gun permits, through minor changes to Measure 114's text. By passing HB 3075, Oregon can better assist state agencies in fighting gun violence, and help fulfill Measure 114's goal to create a future where Oregonians, including myself, don't have to worry about gun violence.