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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Measure 114 and HB 3075. As a concerned citizen, I believe these measures undermine constitutional rights, place unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens, and do not effectively address the real issues surrounding gun violence.

Measure 114 proposes regulations that limit access to firearms in ways that unfairly target responsible gun owners. Specifically, the requirement for a permit to purchase a firearm and the creation of a state database for all gun buyers seems not only ineffective but also overly intrusive. The fundamental right to bear arms is guaranteed by the Second Amendment, and such regulations infringe upon this right. While I understand the intent of these measures may be to improve public safety, they fail to address the root causes of violence, such as mental health issues, and instead punish responsible citizens who adhere to the law.

HB 3075 further exacerbates these concerns by proposing more regulations on how firearms are owned, stored, and carried. These regulations will only serve to complicate the lives of responsible gun owners, forcing them to navigate bureaucratic hurdles that do not prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. The criminal elements that commit violent acts are not concerned with the bureaucratic processes laid out in these bills.

Rather than imposing restrictions on law-abiding citizens, I believe we should focus on strengthening enforcement of existing laws, improving mental health support, and ensuring that law enforcement has the necessary resources to deal with criminal behavior. In addition, measures that infringe upon constitutional rights should only be enacted with careful consideration and clear evidence that they will have a meaningful impact on public safety. Unfortunately, neither Measure 114 nor HB 3075 provide such evidence.

Last year my 15 year old son ran away from home and was gone for over 7 months. He was finally picked up by Portland police and was found in possession of a firearm.

Measure 114 and HB 3075 in no way would have prevented him from obtaining the firearm he had, he didn't walk into a licensed firearm dealer and put down his ID and cash and buy it. Further more when we went to his court hearing the next day they wanted to release him immediately to my wife and I. How will people learn if we don't enforce the laws we already have? We told the judge that we didn't believe he would learn anything if he was released that day and the judge agreed with us and he was in for over two weeks before they released him. My son as been doing better and even re enrolled in school for fear of not wanting to spend my time in jail.

I urge you to oppose these measures and to consider alternative solutions that respect our rights while effectively addressing the real challenges facing our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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