

I would like to submit testimony to vehemently oppose HB4145 modifying measure 114 unless you would extend the same provisions to all Oregonians. Make no mistake, Measure 114 is horrible and should be repealed, but special carve outs are unjust, unfair, and a slap in the face to law abiding citizens. Why should law enforcement get a carve out when they are off duty if everyone else has to abide by these restrictions? Proponents will say that police and retired police need extra ammunition to defend themselves from criminals. However, allowing for a carve out concedes the point that criminals, people who mean to do actual harm, will not follow the law and the ridiculous restrictions that 114 implements. Why should off duty and retired police be better equipped to defend themselves than law abiding citizens against criminals who will undoubtedly ignore the law? Repeal 114 altogether and allow law abiding citizens the right to defend themselves. If not, no special carve outs, make everyone equally have to deal with the ridiculous restrictions in measure 114.

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