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I am writing to express my concerns regarding Ballot Measure 114 and its effectiveness as a public safety policy. As a law enforcement officer serving in Oregon, I regularly encounter firearms that are illegally possessed or unlawfully modified—often on a weekly basis. Individuals involved in violent crime already operate outside the bounds of existing law, and Measure 114 does not provide a meaningful mechanism to prevent these firearms from being acquired or used by criminal actors.

Instead, the measure places significant procedural and constitutional burdens on law-abiding citizens who seek to exercise their rights responsibly. These additional barriers do not target criminal behavior, but rather complicate lawful firearm ownership for individuals who comply with background checks, training requirements, and safe handling practices.

From a public safety perspective, this approach risks misallocating resources and attention away from enforcement strategies that would have a measurable impact on violent crime. Moreover, Measure 114 disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including individuals living in high-crime areas who rely on lawful firearm ownership for personal protection. Restricting access for compliant citizens does not address the underlying causes of violence and may unintentionally leave them less able to protect themselves and their families.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider Ballot Measure 114 and evaluate whether its provisions align with effective crime reduction, constitutional protections, and the realities faced by law enforcement officers in the field. Thoughtful policy should focus on those who commit crimes—not those who follow the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.