

Statement in Opposition to Oregon Measure 114:

I, Tyler Wilson, oppose Measure 114 because it infringes on a fundamental constitutional right while failing to meaningfully improve public safety. As a military veteran, a responsible gun owner, and someone committed to protecting my family wherever I go, I believe this measure is misguided, poorly designed, and ultimately counterproductive.

My perspective is shaped by experience, not ideology. During my military service, I was entrusted with firearms in environments where discipline, training, and accountability were essential. That experience reinforced a simple truth: safety comes from responsibility and competence, not from blanket restrictions imposed on those who have done nothing wrong. Measure 114

ignores this reality by treating lawful gun ownership as inherently suspect and replacing objective standards with bureaucratic delays and discretionary government approval.

The permit-to-purchase system is especially concerning. It converts a constitutional right into a privilege dependent on administrative capacity and subjective judgment. In practice, this system has already produced severe backlogs, leaving law-abiding citizens unable to exercise their rights for extended periods. For individuals seeking to protect themselves and their families, these delays are not minor inconveniences—they are real and tangible risks. Rights delayed are rights denied.

Measure 114's magazine capacity restrictions are equally flawed. They are arbitrary, lack clear evidence of effectiveness, and disproportionately impact lawful gun

owners while doing nothing to deter criminals, who by definition do not comply with such laws. The result is a system that restricts responsible citizens while leaving violent offenders unaffected.

Finally, Measure 114 places an unreasonable administrative burden on law enforcement agencies that have openly stated they lack the resources, staffing, and infrastructure to implement it effectively. This invites inconsistency, delays, and erosion of public trust—outcomes that weaken, rather than strengthen, public safety.

I support responsible gun ownership, including training and safe handling. But responsibility is not fostered through punitive regulations aimed at compliant citizens. Public safety is best served by enforcing existing laws against violent offenders, addressing mental health crises, and

respecting constitutional freedoms. Measure 114 fails to strike that balance, and for these reasons, I oppose it.

Thank you for your time and attention,
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