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On Behalf Of:

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As a career law enforcement officer in the State of Oregon I understand that you as politicians feel the need to protect us from the inherent dangers from both criminals and firearms. This is not the answer, nor was 114, however, let us talk about an apparent answer. We as a state need to make it so inherently dangerous for criminals to own firearms, carry, or use them in the commission of a crime that they never do it, or when they do they never again do it. You want to make high-capacity magazines illegal, make the penalty for using them in the commission of a crime a felony, an additional charge. Triple the punishment of any crime when a firearm is used in the state. Don't punish law-abiding gun owners, don't impose an overlord type of mentality on the everyday working man and woman of the state just because they want to protect themselves and their homes. I am asking you to just let this bill die, or vote no on it. I would be happy to be part of any discussion with any politician concerning gun safety, showing them why an armed responsible populace is safer than an unarmed one. Criminals only obey the law if they are scared of it, 30 years in prison for carrying a gun during the commission of a crime would be scary, add ten for a high capacity magazine. I have 19 years as a police officer, 10 of which was as a Firearms Instructor and Master Use of Force Instructor. This is about as expert an opinion as you can get on the matter.

Sincerely

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