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My name is Matthew Edinger and I am a resident of Medford, Oregon. I am a licensed trauma nurse leader in the state and serve on several EMS and health advisory boards and councils for Oregon. I am also a gun owner and licensed to carry a concealed firearm. I am in support of common sense gun law reform and I'm not even opposed to restricting magazine sizes or increasing permit fees...but to carve out such exemptions for NON-ACTIVE law enforcement is a giant slap in the face to law abiding citizens and furthers the distrust and divide between the people and their government. This also seems poorly timed as it comes during a period of increased distrust in and obvious abuse by active law enforcement, let alone retired and inactive officers who have no department to oversee them.

There should be NO EXEMPTIONS for inactive law enforcement officials. Once retired, they are no longer any different than ordinary citizens and I question the constitutionality of this proposal as it seems to run against the prohibitions in Article I, Section 20 of the Oregon Constitution. Laws should be fair...this is decidedly NOT.

Do the right thing and vote this down until it applies equally to all of Oregon's citizens.