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DOUGLAS COUNTY OREGON
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON

SEP 28 2022

DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK

DOUGLAS COUNTY: VOTE NO ON BALLOT MEASURE 114

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners Find:

- a) The Douglas County Board of Commissioners steadfastly support the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects the right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment was ratified on December 15, 1791, and protects the individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that firearm lawfully and responsibly.
- b) The proposed Oregon Ballot Measure 114 is by far the nation's most extreme gun control Initiative and will be voted on in Oregon this November!
- c) Therefore, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners strongly oppose Oregon Ballot Measure 114. If passed, Ballot Measure 114 would make dramatic changes to firearm ownership and purchase requirements in Oregon. This ballot measure will appear on the ballot in the upcoming November 2022 election.
- d) Oregon already has some of the strongest gun laws in the United States. **If Ballot Measure 114 passes, Oregon will unconstitutionally:**
 1. Ban magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition which includes most modern shotguns.
 2. Create a government registry containing personal information of law-abiding gun owners.
 3. Require a permit-to-purchase or transfer a firearm (which will require classroom and live-fire training from law enforcement)
- e) A major issue is that the current slew of Oregon gun laws goes largely unenforced. Proposed Ballot Measure 114 does nothing but create miles of red tape and bureaucratic barriers for responsible law-abiding citizens.
- f) Ballot Measure 114 does not address the root cause of crime. It does not address the enforcement of existing laws, nor does it provide access to vital mental health services.
- g) We believe that Ballot Measure 114 is not only fundamentally flawed, it targets the wrong people. We believe that complex issues like this should not be legislated from the ballot box. It is a known fact that criminals do not obey the law.
- h) Ballot Measure 114 would erode our constitutional right to keep and bear arms that we the people have relied upon for 231 years.
- i) Ballot Measure 114 is poorly written and filled with the following flaws:
 - **Contains References to Non-Existent Statutes.** This measure was written by out-of-state lawyers who do not understand Oregon, our way of life, or our people.
 - **Violates Oregonians' Right to Privacy.** It requires law enforcement agencies to develop a database with no exemption from public disclosure, which puts domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable populations in high risk.




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- **Fundamentally Undermines the Rule of Law.**
- **Does Nothing to Increase Access to Mental Health Care Services.**
- **Could Create Fear and Lack of Access to Personal Safety.**
- **Completely Ignores the Fact that Criminals Continue to Obtain Guns on the Illegal Market.** Restricting access to guns will not reduce crime, it would only increase black market illegal sales of firearms. Access to legal, regulated gun sales ensures the right to hunt, protect your family and prevents the need to seek alternative, unregulated and often dangerous firearm purchases.
- **Does NOT Fund Law Enforcement.** Instead, it gives law enforcement the impossible task of judging "psychological fitness" while those same advocates are working to defund the police. It places undue stress and responsibility on our already under-staffed Law Enforcement Agencies.
- **Allows Unlimited Delays and Excessive Fees That Will Make it Harder For All Oregonians to Own Guns, With a Disproportionate Impact On Marginalized Communities.** Permits can be revoked if a person is charged with a crime, but not convicted, creating a system of "guilty until proven innocent."
- **Targets the Wrong People!** People who enjoy hunting and shooting will be loaded up with more costs and bureaucracy.
- **Prohibits United States Military Personnel and Law Enforcement Personnel from Possessing Common Firearms while Off-Duty.**
- **Essentially Decimates Your Right to Keep and Bear Arms.**
- **Could Affect Other Constitutional Rights for Oregonians.**

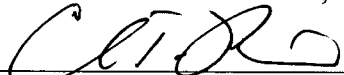
Therefore, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners Resolve:

1. A steadfast commitment to support our Second Amendment Rights, and not diminish, nor eliminate, the rights of law-abiding citizens.
2. A steadfast commitment to support responsible gun ownership for law-abiding citizens in Douglas County.
3. A steadfast commitment to support our Law Enforcement Agencies, Public Safety Programs and Law Enforcement Officers.
4. To steadfastly encourage our residents to VOTE NO on Ballot Measure 114.

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022



Commissioner Tim Freeman, Chair



Commissioner Chris Boice



Commissioner Tom Kress

