IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution Opposing Ballot Measure 114	)	RESOLUTION 22-10-20-1

WHEREAS, Measure 114 https://sos.oregon.gov/admin/Documents/irr/2022/017text.pdf essentially ends the sale of all firearms in Oregon and bans the sale of most shotguns and all standard capacity magazines that come with most modern firearms; and

WHEREAS, possession of those items outside Oregonians' homes will be a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians found in possession of standard capacity magazines *inside* their homes will be required to prove they were purchased before the law went into effect; and

WHEREAS, since the Measure outlaws almost all home defense shotguns, it also outlaws the most common shotguns used for trap and skeet events; and

WHEREAS, many of the people competing in these supervised, sanctioned events are young people, including Yamhill County 4 H program participants introduced to safe gun handling through these competitions; and

WHEREAS, the M 114 "magazine ban" component will make those unlawful to purchase; and

WHEREAS, they will also be illegal to transport unless they are disassembled; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians will need a "permit" to buy any firearm which would then require a live-fire training class that may only be taught by police, which virtually no law enforcement agency has the facilities or manpower to provide; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association has estimated that if a person somehow could complete the required training, the permitting process would cost Sheriffs almost $40,000,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, there is nothing in the Measure that provides any funding and the fees included would not come close to covering the costs; and

WHEREAS, M114 only allows those approved by police to provide the required "training" to apply for a permit; and

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WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies in Oregon are underfunded and understaffed; and

WHEREAS, police in urban areas are already not responding to many violent crimes and sheriff's offices in rural areas are spread thin and rarely have the facilities for the required class; and

WHEREAS, there are no caps on the costs for the required training, which is unlikely to be available anyway; and

WHEREAS, this will mostly affect low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, Measure 114 asks police to make subjective decisions in the permit process without psychological training or access to psychiatric records, which has been shown repeatedly to be used with bias; and

WHEREAS, the Measure requires a public list of persons who attempt to purchase firearms; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence could be at risk since all their private information would be made public along with their efforts to purchase a firearm for self-defense; and

WHEREAS, many Oregon Sheriffs are opposed to M114 including Yamhill County Sheriff Tim Svenson, who stated M114 "would harm the poor, the rural, and those who quickly need a firearm for self-defense the most"; and

WHEREAS, for first time gun buyers, M114 could well require they have a gun before getting a permit to buy a gun; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal law allow the transfer of a firearm if the State police don't complete a background check in 3 business days; and

WHEREAS, this Measure removes that safeguard; and

WHEREAS, the Measure requires that a sheriff or local police department issue a permit within 30 days after a background check has been completed by the State Police; and

WHEREAS, there is no limit on how long the State Police can take to complete the background check and provide no penalties if they do not complete it; and

WHEREAS, there are no estimates of the cost of these background checks to the State Police; and

WHEREAS, the "permit" does not even authorize Oregonians to purchase a firearm; only to ask for permission from the State Police a second time when they try to make the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Measure fails to communicate that Oregon already has a "complete background check" on every gun purchase, flags for anyone purchasing multiple firearms and a system for education and fingerprints used for concealed carry holders; and

WHEREAS, M114 proposes to create an additional overlapping system and force data aggregation responsibility onto the already overburdened State Police instead of enhancing the current system, and

WHEREAS, M114 creates a whole new category of victimless crimes at a time when the police are grossly underfunded and real criminals are being released onto our streets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners urges a "No" vote on Ballot Measure 114.

DONE at McMinnville, Oregon on October 20, 2022.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

Voted "No"

Commissioner CASEY KULLA

Commissioner MARY STARRETT

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Board of Commissioners on
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