



# DEFENDING MEASURE 114

**Out-of-state gun lobbyists are trying to block Oregon's voter-approved gun violence prevention law. We're fighting in court to protect Measure 114 and make our children, schools, and communities safer.**

Safety is essential for a thriving community. But every year, there are more mass shootings, suicides and other gun-related violence in our neighborhoods, schools, grocery stores, and places of worship. **In November, Oregonians voted to make our communities safer by passing Measure 114.**

The gun lobby has filed multiple lawsuits to silence Oregonians' votes. We need to continue our fight to keep our communities safe from gun violence and prevent gun suicides.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

After a win in U.S. District court, Measure 114 now goes to state court. In a five-day trial starting September 18, the Harney County Circuit Court will hear arguments about the state constitutionality of Oregon's voter-approved gun safety policy. Rulings issued last winter by the Harney County Circuit Court put implementation of the voter-approved policy on hold temporarily. In order for the state of Oregon to implement the various components of Measure 114, the Harney County injunction must be lifted by the judge or vacated on appeal.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Because of the gun lobby's separate legal challenge to Measure 114 in state court, implementation of our voter-approved policy remains on hold. Winning this trial will take us one step closer to implementing evidence-based policies to reduce gun violence, gun suicides, and save lives.

## HOW WILL THE OREGON DOJ ADVOCATE FOR MEASURE 114?

State lawyers defending Measure 114 are expected to call a number of expert witnesses, highlighting evidence that policies like Measure 114 have reduced firearm injuries and deaths in other states. They are also likely to argue that voters were well within their authority in enacting the ballot measure to address the ongoing crisis of gun violence in Oregon.


## WHAT ELSE IS IMPACTING MEASURE 114?

In July, the U.S. District Court ruled that Measure 114 is both federally constitutional and in line with the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decisions on public safety and gun laws. This ruling followed a week-long trial in federal court in which the Oregon Department of Justice and the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety defended Measure 114 in court. Lawyers for the gun lobby are appealing the district court's ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The state case is also expected to be appealed, regardless of the outcome. While we're confident we will prevail — the appeals process in both state and federal courts will take time.

## HOW WILL MEASURE 114 SAVE LIVES IN OREGON?

- Close the background check loophole and ensure that everyone passes a background check before purchasing a gun; this keeps guns out of dangerous hands.
- Require hands-on safety training, fingerprinting, and a permit to purchase a gun, which has been shown to reduce homicides and suicides.
- Prohibit sales of large capacity magazines, which has been shown to greatly reduce fatalities in mass shootings.

A person is holding a white sign with the words "END GUN VIOLENCE" written on it in large, bold, black letters. The person's hand is visible at the bottom of the sign. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with buildings and trees.