



November 29, 2022

Hon Sheriff Bowen
Union County Sheriff Office
1109 K Ave.
La Grand, OR 97850

Dear Sheriff Bowen:

I'm writing on behalf of the California Rifle & Pistol Association's (CRPA) Board of Directors to commend you for your recent comments concerning new Measure 114.

CRPA was formed in 1875 and has advocated for the right to choose to own a firearm for sport or self-defense for decades. In California, gun owners have faced increased hostility and ever more restrictive laws infringing on the right to keep and bear arms. Our Governor Gavin Newsom has gone so far as to publicly reveal his intention to eliminate the "gun culture." He and like-minded big government politicians have worked hard to accomplish their goal by banning as many types of guns from as many people in as many places as possible. None of these laws have actually worked to make anyone safer but have created a new class of accidental criminals who inadvertently violate these often difficult to understand laws. The real criminals could care less about one more gun control law.

CRPA and the CRPA's Law Enforcement Committee have forged alliances and cooperative partnerships with Sheriffs and police across the state of California to push back against these political efforts, with increasing success.

The Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen* marked a turning point in the recognition of Second Amendment rights but has also led to extreme legislative reactions as anti-gun-owner politicians seek ways to get around *Bruen's* legal mandates. Measure 114 seems like one such effort, more about advancing an agenda rather than truly making anyone truly safer. CRPA appreciates your statements of opposition to Measure 114 to make people aware of the true agenda behind its passage.

With your permission, we would like to send you a complimentary subscription to the CRPA's award-winning magazine, the *California Firing Line*. If there is anything that CRPA or our law enforcement partners can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

C.D. Michel
President & General Counsel
CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION