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**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

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Re: Raven C. Brumbles vs Columbia County Clerk  
Columbia County Circuit Court Case No. 19CV02825

Dear Mr. Smith and Ms. Hanson:

The Court finds the Clerk was correct in rejecting the proposed initiative which is the subject of this proceeding for failing to include the full text of the proposed law. The proposed initiative measure attempts to nullify any state or federal laws that would in any way restrict the use or possession of firearms or require the County or its officials or employees to act in any way that would limit or restrict the possession or use of firearms or related accessories or ammunition.

The proposed initiative identifies nine explicit prohibitions but then notes that this is not a complete list. That other undefined restrictions or prohibitions that may be imposed by the state or federal government shall be null, void, or of no effect in Columbia County. The voter cannot determine beyond the listed categories what other state or federal restrictions may be nullified by this initiative measure. It is this ambiguity that the Court finds to violate the constitutional requirement.

Sincerely,

Ted E. Grove  
Circuit Court Judge

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