

Dear Legislators,

As a retired law enforcement officer, I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 3075. Like Measure 114 (currently facing multiple court challenges), HB 3075 will essentially abolish self-defense rights in Oregon. By making it more complicated, time-consuming & expensive for single mothers, people of color & the elderly to access effective self-defense tools (a Constitutional RIGHT), you are subjecting the most vulnerable citizens to further disadvantage. Despite the platitudes of out-of-touch politicians, regular people understand that disarming victims will NOT keep them safe from criminals!

Law-abiding citizens already complete a federal background check to purchase firearms (criminals steal or buy them on the street). Adding a 2nd more complicated state process is a waste of tax dollars & does nothing to keep us safe. Passing laws that punish the responsible (while ignoring criminals) is counterproductive & dangerous. The fact is, WE ARE EACH OUR OWN FIRST RESPONDER. When seconds count, police are minutes (or more) away.

It has been demoralizing to watch this legislature repeatedly vote to defund the police & reduce penalties for criminals while simultaneously reducing the rights of crime victims to defend themselves. Given that multiple courts have struck down similar restrictions, it is irresponsible to waste resources enacting more laws that will ultimately fail to pass constitutional muster. Please start using common sense, respect your law-abiding constituents & vote NO on HB 3075!

Sincerely,  
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