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On Behalf Of:
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I strongly urge the rejection of House Bill 3075, which represent an unprecedented overreach into the constitutional rights of Oregonians. These measures infringe upon the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution, which unequivocally protect the right to bear arms for self-defense—a right upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022). By imposing burdensome permit-to-purchase requirements and banning standard-capacity magazines, these bills effectively disarm law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to address the root causes of violence.

The permit process—expanded under HB 3075 with its \$150 fee, 60-day waiting period, and mandated training—creates a financial and logistical barrier that disproportionately harms low-income Oregonians, rural residents, and those in immediate need of self-defense, such as victims of domestic violence. This is not regulation; it is prohibition by bureaucracy. Furthermore, the ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds ignores the reality that such magazines are in common use nationwide for lawful purposes, as evidenced by millions of Americans owning them for self-defense and sport. The Supreme Court in *Bruen* made clear that restrictions must align with historical traditions of firearm regulation—neither Measure 114 nor HB 3075 meets this test, as no such sweeping bans or permitting schemes existed at the founding.

Practically, these laws will not reduce crime. Criminals, by definition, do not obey gun laws—FBI crime data consistently shows that mass shootings and homicides are overwhelmingly committed with illegally obtained firearms, not legally purchased ones subject to these restrictions. Meanwhile, Oregon’s sheriffs, including those in Linn, Union, and Klamath Counties, have publicly stated they lack the resources to enforce these measures, estimating costs in the tens of millions annually. This diverts funds from addressing actual public safety threats, like mental health crises or gang activity, which data shows are the true drivers of violence.

HB 3075 doubles down on Measure 114’s flaws, attempting to bypass ongoing court challenges and judicial injunctions that have rightly stalled its implementation. This legislative maneuvering shows contempt for voters, the judiciary, and the rule of law. Oregonians deserve better than laws that punish the law-abiding, waste taxpayer money, and fail to deliver on their promises. I implore you to reject these unconstitutional, ineffective, and divisive measures. Let’s focus on real solutions—enforcing existing laws, supporting mental health initiatives, and respecting the rights of Oregon’s citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

