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Testimony on HB-3076
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On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA), I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to HB-3076. We don't believe there is any need whatsoever for a new state licensing program for firearms dealers, and no need to waste taxpayer money to study it by a Department of Justice that clearly is opposed to guns and Second Amendment rights.

Most of Oregon's gun dealers are small businesses. Our members rely on these businesses for the purchase and repair of firearms, which are the tools of our trade as hunters. These dealers are already highly regulated by the Federal Government through the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). They all have Federal Firearms Licenses (FFLs) without which they couldn't do business.

There is no reason to believe that adding another license to these highly regulated businesses will provide any benefit. However, if state licensing were enacted, it would add a tremendous cost and extra burden on these small business owners.

There are so many problems in this state that deserve the Legislature's attention. Studying a new scheme to burden small business gun dealers is a classic "solution looking for a problem"! There is no need for HB-3076, and we urge you to reject this worthless and unnecessary bill.

Leave Oregon's already regulated gun dealers alone!