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I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition of HB 3075 and continuing opposition to Measure 114. It appears to me that insanity is about to happen-AGAIN. This nation has some 20,000+ existing laws and regulations regarding all aspects of firearms, and yet, accidents continue to happen, and crime and criminals continue to exist and use firearms in all manner of criminal acts. It makes no sense to me to expect adding another law will make any difference, except to burden the law-abiding and continue to allow the criminal to act without severe consequence. Criminals will still do criminal things unless and until they are incarcerated, so we probably should start expanding our prison facilities instead of passing legislation that criminals won't respect anyway.

Without being specific as to the provisions of Measure 114 and HB 3075, a firearm is a dumb object, just like an automobile, baseball bat, scissors, a rock, a piece of wood, a fist. All dumb objects are incapable of acting on their own, it takes a person to consciously put the dumb object to work, for good or for bad. So I have a pair of boots with steel toes. By its design, it protects my feet, but also by its design, it can provide more force if "I" decide kick something or someone, and if I kick someone, there are plenty of existing laws to provide consequences to my act. We don't need a law specific to kicking someone with a steel-toed boot, it is common sense that this is something that you shouldn't do, and the consequences for kicking someone should be severe enough to cause me to not do that act again in the future.

Regarding firearms safety, for the uninformed, here are the four basic safety (common sense) rules that have been around for over 100 years:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded-ALWAYS
- Keep the firearm muzzle pointed in a safe direction-ALWAYS
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire, and
- Be sure of your target and the area beyond.

As a responsible firearm owner, you are responsible for every bullet that leaves your gun.

So, Legislators, please use your faculties of observation, logic, and common sense and not allow this HB or Measure 114 to go ahead. Partisan action is not appropriate in this instance. Please let the vast majority of the citizens of Oregon continue to enjoy their freedom and their lives, they are not the problem! Thank you.