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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

House Judiciary CommitteeOregon State Capitol900 Court Street NE, Room 453Salem, OR 97301

RE: Strong Opposition to HB 3075

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3075, which seeks to modify the firearm permit provisions established under Ballot Measure 114 (2022). As an Oregon resident and advocate for constitutional rights, I am deeply concerned that this bill infringes upon the Second Amendment, imposes unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens, and erodes government transparency.

Unjustified Delays and Excessive Fees

HB 3075 doubles the permit processing time from 30 days to 60 days, an unnecessary delay that could leave individuals defenseless while awaiting approval. Additionally, the bill significantly increases permit application and renewal fees—raising the initial application fee from \$65 to \$150 and the renewal fee from \$50 to \$110. These excessive costs create a financial barrier for law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional rights.

An Attack on Government Transparency

The bill also exempts firearm permit information from public records laws, which means Oregonians would no longer have access to critical data regarding permit processing times, denials, or approval rates. This lack of transparency undermines public trust and prevents accountability within the government.

Vague and Subjective Standards for Denial

The language of HB 3075 grants permit agents broad discretion to deny firearm permits based on subjective assessments of "dangerousness." There is no clear definition of what constitutes a danger to oneself or others, and the absence of a medical or court determination raises concerns about arbitrary and politically motivated denials.

Expanded Government Database and Unwarranted Surveillance

This bill mandates the creation of a state-managed electronic database of all firearm permit holders. This move towards government surveillance of law-abiding gun owners is alarming, as history has shown that such registries can lead to future restrictions, abuses, or even confiscation.

Conclusion

HB 3075 is not about safety—it is about placing roadblocks in front of responsible gun owners while doing nothing to stop criminals. It burdens law-abiding citizens, extends government control, and tramples on fundamental rights. I urge the committee to reject HB 3075 in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Rebecca Wallis