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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Lawrence D. Zayas, a concerned citizen of Oregon, and I stand before you today to oppose HB 3075. This bill, under the guise of public safety, represents an alarming overreach that tramples on the constitutional rights guaranteed to every American—specifically, our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

The Second Amendment is clear: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Yet, HB 3075 builds on the already contentious Ballot Measure 114, which has faced legal challenges for its restrictive permitting and magazine capacity limits. By modifying these provisions and declaring an "emergency" to bypass the standard 90-day referendum period, this bill not only restricts lawful gun ownership but also denies Oregonians our democratic right to challenge it through the ballot box. This is a double assault—on our individual freedoms and our collective voice.

HB 3075's vague emergency declaration raises red flags. The Constitution doesn't bend for hastily defined crises. If anything, history shows that emergencies are often exploited to erode rights, not protect them. The Supreme Court's Bruen decision (2022) reaffirmed that firearm regulations must align with the historical tradition of the Second Amendment. Measure 114's requirements—like subjective permitting processes—already teeter on unconstitutional ground, and HB 3075's tweaks seem designed to entrench these violations rather than address them. Where's the evidence that these restrictions pass constitutional muster or even reduce violence? Studies, like those from the RAND Corporation, show inconclusive links between permitting laws and crime reduction—yet my rights as a law-abiding citizen are curtailed regardless.

On a personal level, this bill threatens my ability to defend myself and my family. The permitting delays, training mandates, and potential for bureaucratic denial under Measure 114, now reinforced by HB 3075, create barriers that disproportionately harm rural Oregonians like me—folks who rely on firearms for protection where police response times stretch into hours, not minutes. The Constitution doesn't carve out exceptions for geography or administrative convenience.

I urge you to reject HB 3075. It's not just a policy disagreement—it's a betrayal of the principles that define us as Americans. Uphold your oath to the Constitution and let this bill die in committee. Our rights depend on it.

Thank you,  
Lawrence D. Zayas  
Oregon Citizen