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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to strongly oppose Oregon Bill 3075, a proposal that I believe will significantly harm the residents of Oregon, especially those in lower socioeconomic brackets, communities of color, and rural areas. This bill poses various issues, from unjust financial burdens to the violation of constitutional rights, and I urge you to oppose its passage for the well-being of our citizens.

One of the most egregious elements of this bill is the proposed \$160 fee associated with firearm ownership. For many, especially single mothers, this fee is an insurmountable barrier. Single mothers, in particular, rely on their ability to protect themselves and their families. This law, however, would disproportionately burden those who are already financially strained, leaving them without the necessary means to secure their safety. Moreover, the fee disproportionately impacts people of color and individuals in lower-income communities, exacerbating inequalities and denying them equal access to self-defense.

Additionally, I would like to bring attention to the backdating of this law, which constitutes an ex post facto law. This practice is illegal and goes against the fundamental principles of justice. It is unfair to penalize individuals for actions that were legal at the time they occurred. Any attempt to retroactively apply this law should be immediately challenged, as it undermines both fairness and the Constitution.

Another concerning aspect of this bill is the limitation that makes challenges to the law only possible in Marion County. This creates undue hardship for residents of rural and eastern Oregon, who would be forced to travel long distances to have their voices heard. This limitation nullifies the representation of a significant portion of our population, further disenfranchising already marginalized communities.

Finally, it is important to highlight the fiscal impact of Measure 114, which has been estimated to cost the state over \$50 million just for its implementation. This figure was from 2022, and given inflation and other economic factors, the cost is likely much higher now. With Oregon already facing budgetary constraints, this additional financial burden is irresponsible and unsustainable.

In conclusion, Oregon Bill 3075 will disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, infringe upon constitutional rights, and impose significant financial costs on the state. I urge you to oppose this bill and find more equitable and effective solutions to address public safety concerns without undermining the rights and well-being of Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make the right decision for the future of our state.

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