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

To the Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3075, as it would place an undue burden on me as a disabled Oregonian and severely restrict my ability to exercise my Second Amendment rights.

I am living with a disability caused by a brain tumor, which has impaired the use of my left side. This limitation significantly affects my ability to reload a firearm quickly and efficiently. The proposed magazine capacity restrictions would disproportionately affect individuals like me, as reloading more frequently would put me at a distinct disadvantage in a self-defense situation. Unlike someone without my physical impairments, I do not have the same ability to manipulate a firearm under stress, and this restriction would put me at even greater risk.

Additionally, the requirement to qualify with a firearm before being permitted to purchase one is an unfair and discriminatory provision for disabled individuals. My disability affects my fine motor skills and coordination, which means I may not perform as proficiently as someone without my impairments. However, proficiency in a controlled qualification test does not determine my need or right to self-defense. Placing this barrier in my way creates an unjust hurdle that could prevent me from legally owning a firearm simply because I have a disability.

Furthermore, as a disabled citizen on a fixed income, the financial burden imposed by HB 3075 is another significant concern. The increased fees required for permits and background checks would create an undue hardship for me. These costs may seem minor to some, but for those of us living on a limited income, they represent a real obstacle to exercising our constitutional rights. The state should not impose financial barriers that disproportionately impact those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

HB 3075 does not take into account the challenges faced by disabled individuals like myself. It restricts my ability to defend myself, imposes unrealistic and unfair requirements, and places an unnecessary financial strain on me. I urge you to oppose this bill and consider the impact it will have on disabled Oregonians who deserve the same rights and protections as every other citizen.

Sincerely,  
Sean Bernhardt