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Amidst the current administration in the White House attempting to limit or even eliminate the 1st Amendment rights of dissenters and calling protests against car dealerships terrorism, the Democratic Party of Oregon is focused on disarming its own supporters as they turn to defend themselves, empowering the police to pick and choose who has the ability to even purchase firearms while there are historically low levels of trust in law enforcement, while also violating the ex post facto clause of both state and federal constitutions. In brief, this entire bill should be scrapped, and focus should be turned outward, to protect Oregonians from any coming storm.

One of the quickest-expanding groups of gun owners in America are LGBTQ+ groups. To ask members of marginalized, queer communities to go and grovel before a rural sheriff who may not even agree with their very existence to exercise one of their rights is inappropriate, insane, and a reality our state does not need. Not to mention the impossible concept of forcing a politicized FBI to do background checks for a permit in a state that has had universal background checks since 2015, something the FBI has repeatedly said they will not do, and I heavily doubt will do now under their new leadership.

One begins to think this is the point, to shut the door on anyone who was unable to purchase firearms until now, which until recently was a group that skewed right-wing, white, and male. And do not pretend this is not the intent, as court cases across the country have shown legislators, lawyers, and attorney generals defending similar laws using slave codes and racist pre-founding era laws as justification. And considering other states such as North Carolina struck down similar permitting laws due to their interlinked history with the Jim Crow-era, it seems almost comically bigoted to see that and do it anyways. That hate stops here. Scrap the permit process.

As for ex post facto, hundreds of thousands of Oregonians have purchased hundreds of thousands more magazines that hold or have the capability of holding more than 11 rounds of ammunition, as they are the most common type of magazine in the country. Under 114, and even still 3075, it is a crime to 'import, possess, use, purchase, sell or otherwise transfer any large-capacity magazine in Oregon on or after December 8, 2022.' I am writing this testimony on March 15th, 2025, after my shift has ended at my firearms industry job, and the racks and bins of magazines with capacities over 10 rounds have been emptied by customers. If this law were to go into effect, all of those customers would be criminals, instantly. I know several people who plan to flee the state out of fear of prosecution due to the retroactive wording of 114/HB3075, and as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I know families who have escaped Republican-led states due to heinous laws enacted that endanger them as LGBTQ+ Americans, and no matter what anyone who backs that measure or this bill

says, it deeply disturbs me that the Democratic Party has entertained bringing that same flavor of terror here. Scrap the magazine ban, entirely.

When 114 first reared its head, I read the perspectives in the voter's pamphlet, and was amazed to see the united front of LGBTQ+ groups, civil rights groups, police unions, sheriff's departments and more all speaking out against it. Every single television ad that was run supporting 114 said the same story, speaking solely about 'closing the Charleston loophole', and that is how it barely succeeded.

So turn HB3075 into that. Just close the 'Charleston loophole' and get rid of the rest of this inherently unworkable bill. Or scrap it all.

I know many members of the legislation have already made up their minds and that voting is merely a formality and that any blatant unconstitutionality, harm towards marginalized communities, and the fleeing of families is no real issue to them, but all I ask for is some perspective and thought. Thank you.