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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Subject: Opposition to HB3075-1 "Permit to Purchase" Requirement and 10-Round Magazine Limit

Dear Judiciary Committee members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed "Permit to Purchase" requirement for firearms and the 10-round magazine limit under HB3075. While I respect efforts to enhance public safety, I believe these measures impose unnecessary burdens on law-abiding citizens while failing to effectively address criminal activity.

Concerns with "Permit to Purchase"

- * Unnecessary Bureaucracy: This permit system creates an additional layer of government regulation that delays and restricts the rights of lawful citizens. Many Oregonians, particularly those in rural areas, would face logistical challenges in obtaining a permit.
- * Financial and Time Burden: Requiring individuals to undergo additional processes such as training, background checks, and permit applications creates undue financial and time burdens, disproportionately affecting lower-income citizens who have the right to self-defense.
- * Redundant Background Checks: Federal law already mandates background checks through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Adding another permit requirement does not enhance security but instead creates unnecessary delays and potential government overreach.

Concerns with the 10-Round Magazine Limit

- * Impact on Self-Defense: In high-stress situations, especially home invasions or attacks involving multiple assailants, limiting magazine capacity could place law-abiding citizens at a serious disadvantage while criminals, who do not abide by laws, retain higher-capacity magazines.
- * No Demonstrated Crime Reduction: Studies on magazine limits in other states have not shown significant reductions in violent crime. Criminals, by definition, do not follow magazine restrictions, leaving only law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage.
- * Enforcement Challenges: A magazine ban would be difficult to enforce effectively and would require significant resources, diverting law enforcement from addressing actual violent crime.

A More Effective Approach:

Rather than imposing further restrictions on responsible gun owners, I urge the legislature to focus on measures that address the root causes of violent crime, such as enforcing existing laws, improving mental health support, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking.

I respectfully ask you to reject these proposed measures and consider policies that

truly enhance public safety without infringing on the constitutional rights of Oregonians. Thank you for your time and consideration.