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As a trans resident in Oregon it is incredibly disheartening to see the state invest time and resources towards restricting my community's ability to defend ourselves while allowing the police to be the gatekeeper's of lethal deadly force. Hb3075 forces myself and others like me into interacting with the police, and gives them the tools to deny me my 2nd amendment rights. Right wing talking points love to push the idea that being genderqueer is a mental health problem, and hb3075 explicitly allows that as a reason to deny a firearm permit and thus my rights. They are not our allies and will not save us.

I am begging y'all to please stop restricting lawn abiding resident's rights and work towards improving quality of life in Oregon to drive down the root cause of violet crime and suicide. Not having to worry about the cost of living through lower costs or better jobs and my ability to access healthcare and public services is a far better solution towards preventing people from acting out in desperation.

If y'all want to address firearms explicitly, develop programs that lower the financial barrier and expand access towards safe storage, education, and places to exercise responsible firearms ownership.

Prohibition will otherwise push lawful citizens towards breaking the law knowingly or not, while those that already choose to ignore the laws will continue and ignore hb3075.