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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose HB3075, as well as the ongoing state effort to support the ill-advised, ill-formed measure 114. I oppose for the following reasons:

1) HB 3075 will continue to enforce - and double down - on existing disadvantaged racial and economic groups. Independent studies of other states with similar restrictions have shown BIPOC communities refused at a higher rate than White communities in their states. Further, placing more control into the hands of law enforcement during such national upheaval when gender-diverse and politically diverse individuals are living in terror of the risk of an authoritarian government, restricting Constitutional rights further at the State level and disenfranchising citizens from their rights of self-defense will increase a significant burden on these impacted communities.

2) HB3075 breaks the Oregon message on fees by increasing fees (impacting #1 further,) and still does not answer capacity for training. The State has argued that the fee of \$110 was "affordable," and now is increasing that fee further. Pricing out financially disadvantaged people further from the ability for self-protection. This has a direct parallel to the historical poll taxes which deprived citizens of their rights to vote, as the chief petitioner of this bill, a practiced attorney, knows full well. State-wide, there has still been no plan or implementation of approved, effective training with capacity to meet any demand Oregon citizens have. Slow walking a right is a right denied.

3) Retroactive punishment, aka, "affirmative defense" against citizens with magazines of a certain size violates both the U.S. and State Constitutions (Article 1, Section 20 and Article 1, Section 21 respectively.) With looming cases to SCOTUS as well, this may be short lived even while it creates real harm realized on citizens.

Finally, it may be time by state ballot measure to consider removing qualified immunity from state politicians that actively seek to undermine all citizen rights and implement these attacks on all freedoms. Especially these attacks on the most vulnerable.

Regards,
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