Peren Tiemann Lake Oswego Testifying in Support of HB 3076

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee, I urge you to support HB 3076. Studying the establishment of a state gun dealer licensing program is common sense. Around the nation, crime guns are consistently traced back to the same bad apple gun dealers. Without regular enforcement being done, many of these dealers are allowed to continue operating without concern for how so many of their firearms are ending up in crimes. Having a state licensing program would allow closer to home enforcement, and ensure that when a gun dealer isn't following the rules, they cannot continue to do business in Oregon. Additionally, this is an opportunity to identify loopholes for those who sell firearms at shows and to family members, and ensure that we fill the gaps that can allow people who cannot pass a background check to obtain a firearm regardless. This is a common sense opportunity to identify where we can fill and fix gaps and loopholes to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves and others, and ensure the validity of purchases by responsible gun owners from responsible gun dealers. Thank you. Please support HB 3076.