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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you to express my opposition to HB 3075, HB3075-1, along with measure 114. I urge you to vote No on any version of this HB. We already have enough firearm restrictions, laws, and background checks in the state of Oregon. More laws and hurdles are not needed. We have mandatory background checks for every sale of a firearm in this state. This bill does everything to limit responsible gun owners rights and freedoms. These bills and new laws do nothing but continue to chip away at law-abiding citizens rights one piece at a time. Oregon as a state needs to enforce the laws on the books along with more adequate punishments for violations. Mandatory background checks were put into law and now here we are again, with a more restrictive HB violating Oregonians rights. It is obvious to see that the goal is to slowly whittling away Oregonians firearm rights over time. What comes next in 10 years, limit us to 5 rounds? The more I read this bill the more I see that it was written by people who have just enough knowledge to stop me from exercising my state and federal rights when it comes to firearms. The writer of this bill has no interest in trying to understand or allow firearm owners to exercise their rights. The fact that this HB can only be challenged in Marion County shows how much the writer/writers of this bill are not playing fair.

I live where there is no gun range, we shoot and hunt on public land. This bill states we can use standard capacity magazines in only specific areas. Standard capacity being magazines that came with the firearm or are meant for its use. The language in this bill is very vague along with being a word salad. When the bill is read it becomes clear that I would have to be wealthy to buy land or already own enough land to shoot on when it comes to using standard capacity magazines. When I read the bill it reads as if I can't even shoot standard capacity magazines on someone's private property with their permission. That is just wrong. Without private land you realize how blurry the HB is written as to where you can shoot using a standard capacity magazine. Any other right being restricted in this way would not even be up for a hearing in this state.

When it comes to magazines it is obvious that 10 is some magical number which really has no meaning. There are many firearms that 10 round magazines do not even exist for. Then there are others that have 10 round magazines specially made for them, but they cannot and do not consistently work. The fact that I have to prove when I purchased them is sneaky tactic. Do you keep receipts for everything you purchase? What if you inherited magazines or bought them long ago? Many states have grandfathered magazines in like the State of Washington, then on top of that they still let you use them as you always did. This bill doesn't go that route, instead it

just adds laws and rules that cannot be followed. This was not done by accident; it was done on purpose to take away rights and not for the reason of safety. Back dating magazines to Dec 8 2022 after the hold on measure 114 will make citizens of Oregon criminals overnight. These magazine laws are not playing fair, they are downright dirty and dishonest.

Being a veteran who fought in wars for this country I find it insulting that this HB states my military qualifications expire after 10 years. Not all weapons training shows up on a DD214 which can or may not have this listed. I did not forget my weapons training, yet this bill puts a limit on it. I took hunters safety at the age of 13 in Oregon and I hunt with a firearm every year.

Adding costs, licenses, classes is an unfair practice to keep those who are not as well off or can afford exercising their constitutional rights.

This HB will not bring safety, it will give the false impression of safety. No violent criminal will follow law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.