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Committee members,

With all due respect I'm more than disappointed that this bill, HB 3075 has been presented and is being considered. By Oregon Government's continued actions, its apparent that you simply don't like legal gun owners. Yes I said 'legal owners', because if the legal authorities of this state wanted to genuinely address gun violence, why wouldn't we be seeing maximum sentences for those actually using guns illegally? We wouldn't need to wait or pass new laws, we could simply enforce the existing laws already on the books to the maximum extent. A great example is when the Measure 11 laws were on the books. The bad guys knew those provisions as well as the police at the time , and they spent great effort to avoid those crimes because they KNEW it was jail time for them.

Instead, HB 3075 tries to put patches on a basically flawed measure 114, so that legal and lawful gun owners can be forced to attempt to satisfy a maze of requirements just to buy a permit to allow them to purchase a gun. That's buy a permit to allow someone to exercise a right guaranteed in the Constitution. We already background check prospective gun purchasers. That should continue and funds supplied so that those checks can be performed as completely and efficiently as possible. But a REQUIREMENT TO BUY a permit to be considered whether you will be allowed to exercise a Constitutional right? At what point will a permit be mandated for someone to speak? Sounds dumb but if we do this with HB 3075 for one Constitutional right, what's to stop us from moving on to the others that we decide we don't like as well?

Since HB 3075 claims to be a response to gun violence, perhaps a simple question or 2 might help to focus things.

1-How much of the yearly gun violence in the State of Oregon is committed by LEGAL gun owners?

2-How much of the yearly gun violence in the State of Oregon is committed by persons ILLEGALLY possessing guns?

Category 2 is BY FAR more involved in the state's gun violence yet HB 3075 DOES NOTHING TO ADDRESS THAT.

We all get it, the majority of the lawmakers here don't like guns. I respect your freedom to like or dislike whatever or whoever you please. However you are embarrassing yourselves and doing the entire state a disservice by spending your time and our tax money on poorly crafted bills such as HB 3075. We have a myriad

of more basic needs that require your attention from infrastructure to public safety, care for our veterans and everything in between. I STRONGLY recommend HB 3075 be dropped and we invest our time and money in those other areas I mentioned. That would truly make a difference for the state's population.