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I strongly oppose HB 3075. It abrogates our right to bear arms just as flagrantly as M 114 does. I don't care if the Appeals Court just 'affirmed' it. It will be appealed to a higher court, I'm sure; and not only on Constitutional grounds, but on the doubtfulness of the thin margin by which it passed in 2022. Oregon hasn't done a great job of in assuring valid voter registrations, or accurate ballot-counting in some counties. I'm thankful our County Clerk does a faithful and transparent job, but not all do so. The thin margin by which M 114 passed will be argued right alongside Constitutionality when the case moves up. The Oregon Constitution, Article 1 Section 27, makes no restriction of our right to bear arms, rather it limits only the military, "Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]" ("Defence" is the old English spelling, not an error.) It is a RIGHT, not a privilege.

Surveys reveal there are more guns that people in the U.S., more than 400 million guns —more than one per person. I am not a gun-owner, and many others are not, either. Some of my friends ARE gun-owners and I am grateful for that. They are careful with handling and storage. Faithful to keep up their skills. Faithful to maintain their weapons. I am very grateful for that. They are to be commended, esteemed, and their rights not abrogated.

I don't feel "safe" everywhere I go. It's the criminal element that need controlling and not the moral, upstanding gun owners. HB 3075, as the predecessor, goes after precisely the wrong gun owners. Shame on you! Government is tasked with our security and protection but often fails in that, sometimes from not funding law enforcement adequately, other times by not catching the bad guys or by releasing them because government hasn't funded enough jails, prosecutors, and public defenders to accomplish the job of keeping criminals off the streets.

HB 3075 builds costs and delays in owning guns. I don't read any grounds for that in Article 1 Section 27.

Two more points grieve me: the Emergency Clause and the restriction that any challenges are to be heard in Marion County. The emergency clause takes away another right. My Vote. It shuts down the process to put a matter on the ballot where all citizens have the chance to approve or disapprove it. And to say a lawsuit against the bill must be filed in only the one Court is to deny citizen all over the State the chance to bring a suit conveniently. Restrictions upon restrictions.

Unless you legislators who so staunchly insist on limiting the right to bear arms yield and kill this bill, you may be voting yourselves into retirement. You're outnumbered. Just count the testimonies filed so far. Support is limited. 10%. Maybe. And that

primarily in Portland and surrounding cities.
Again, I say, "VOTE NO on HB 3075.