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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 3075. This bill is an unconstitutional overreach that imposes vague, subjective criteria for firearm permits, making it both legally unsound and practically unenforceable.

HB 3075 seeks to create unnecessary barriers to a constitutional right by requiring a permit system that includes subjective standards such as an applicant's "suitability" to own a firearm. Such language is ripe for abuse, as it allows government officials to arbitrarily deny permits based on undefined or biased interpretations. Constitutional rights should not be left to the whims of bureaucratic discretion.

Additionally, the bill's requirements are impractical and create an undue burden on law-abiding citizens. By mandating training courses and fees without ensuring widespread availability, the legislation effectively denies access to firearm ownership for many Oregonians, particularly those in rural areas where training options are scarce. This disproportionately impacts individuals who rely on firearms for personal protection and hunting.

Beyond its constitutional and logistical flaws, HB 3075 is simply unenforceable. Law enforcement agencies across the state have already expressed concerns about the feasibility of enforcing these provisions, and the courts will likely face a flood of legal challenges should it pass. Instead of pushing through legally dubious restrictions, lawmakers should focus on enforcing existing laws that target actual criminal behavior.

I urge our elected officials to reject HB 3075 and respect the constitutional rights of Oregonians. This bill is not about public safety—it is about government overreach and unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,
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