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I am an Oregonian writing in support of House Bill 3076 authorizing the initial study for establishing a state firearm dealer licensing program. It is vital that this leads to state firearm dealer licensing. The majority of gun-related crimes in Oregon involve guns purchased from firearms dealers. Oregon exports guns used in crimes to our neighboring states. Dealers are an important line of defense against gun trafficking and yet they are one of the least regulated businesses in our state. This unaddressed issue is a prudent step toward sensible gun oversight

My professional career as a clinical psychologist, working with veterans, has been replete with example after example of firearms being misused for self-harm and violence directed at family members and community. The small obstacles to gun purchases, reflected in this bill could have saved many lives effectively. Enacting a state firearm dealer licensing program will reduce access to firearms for individuals prohibited from owning them, and will reduce the diversion of guns for criminal use. Please support its passage.