As a certified NRA Basic Pistol Instructor and a law-abiding Concealed Handgun License holder, I feel a profound responsibility to speak out against the proposed HB 3075 legislation. It is my unwavering belief that this bill will not only encroach upon the rights of responsible gun owners, but it will also put law-abiding citizens at unnecessary risk, particularly those who depend on firearms for personal protection. This legislation fails to address the root causes of criminal behavior and instead targets those who abide by the law, rendering them vulnerable when they need self-defense the most.

The provisions of this bill would create obstacles to securing a firearm for self-protection at a time when an individual's safety could be under immediate threat. The introduction of arbitrary waiting periods and additional requirements for purchasing firearms would only delay the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves during critical moments. If tragedy strikes because of these delays, the responsibility will lie squarely with the legislators who chose to impose these constraints.

Furthermore, in situations where an individual's home is under attack by multiple assailants, the bill's cap of 10 rounds in a magazine would be woefully insufficient for effective self-defense. The reality of self-defense situations does not operate on a set of arbitrary limitations — life-threatening emergencies require immediate action and access to the means of defense that are proportional to the threat at hand. The legislation fails to acknowledge this basic truth, leaving citizens in a perilous situation. Should an innocent person be harmed or killed because they were not allowed the necessary means to protect themselves, the blame must fall on the lawmakers who authored this bill.

The expectation that citizens should simply "wait for the police" in these life-threatening situations is unrealistic at best. Law enforcement, especially in underserved areas, cannot always respond quickly enough in emergencies where seconds count. This legislation unfairly assumes that police will always be just moments away, when in reality, that is often not the case.

What this bill truly represents is an unjust infringement upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding individuals, while doing nothing to deter criminals who already operate outside the bounds of the law. The legislation piles on arbitrary restrictions, fees, and limitations that only serve to punish responsible gun owners, all while leaving violent criminals untouched. The real problem — crime and unlawful behavior — remains unaddressed, and this bill will only make it harder for citizens to protect themselves,

their families, and their communities.

It is also evident that the current legislative agenda is being driven by a narrow perspective, one that disregards the voices of the many Oregonians who oppose this bill. The overwhelming evidence and testimony against HB 3075 appear to be dismissed, as though the concerns of a large portion of the electorate have been ignored in favor of a single ideological view. As an Oregonian, I feel my concerns are being overlooked, and I am deeply troubled by this legislation's disregard for the values of personal liberty and self-reliance that our state is supposed to uphold.

This bill, in its current form, is a fundamentally flawed and misguided approach. Rather than enhancing public safety, it puts citizens at greater risk, burdens responsible gun owners, and does nothing to address the root causes of criminal violence. I implore you to reconsider this legislation, not only for the sake of those of us who responsibly exercise our Second Amendment rights but for the safety and autonomy of all Oregonians.

I urge you to carefully reflect on the long-term consequences this bill could have on our rights and safety, and to vote against it in the interest of justice and public protection.

Thank you...