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To: House Committee on Judiciary



From: Kerry Spurgin, President, Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA).

Subject: Opposition to HB3075

I am writing to you today in Opposition of HB3075. HB3075's basis is Ballot Measure 114 which is still enveloped in multiple court challenges as its basis is unconstitutional at both the state and federal levels.

The permit-to-purchase scheme included has at its core unacceptable delays, costs, and infringements that are imposed ONLY on law abiding Oregon Citizens. The basis of Ballot Measure 114 and the changes proposed by HB3075 will not impact unlawful firearms purchases in any way. Therefore, there will be no impact or improvement to public safety.

HB3075 seeks to correct areas of a measure that is flawed at its core. A duplicate background check system, administered by agents given subjective criteria, with now even longer delays and costs is a clear example of infringement.

HB3075 is a clear example of driving on an agenda to disarm law abiding citizens versus driving for real solutions to improve public safety; such as increased law enforcement community action in high risk areas and zero tolerance in firearms violations.

<u>Stop HB3075!</u> At a minimum, HB3075 needs to be tabled until the current court challenges on Ballot Measure 114 are completely resolved through the courts, both Federal and State.

If you want to truly save lives, **Drive passage of HB3884**. The goal is to reduce suicide and save 500+ Oregonian lives, annually, by enabling citizens to create "time and distance" between themselves and their firearms in times of personal or mental crisis. HB3884 accomplishes this goal by enabling storage options for 1) components of their firearms, that would render the firearm not functional until reassembled, and 2) full firearms if required.

<u>The Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA) is a leader suicide prevention</u> to its safety pillars 3 years ago. 4 of 5 firearms deaths in Oregon are Suicide. Firearms suicide is a tragedy born from personal and mental crisis. OSSA has developed awareness, education and action program with its clubs, members, and communities across Oregon. OSSA in partnership with the <u>Oregon Firearms</u> <u>Safety Coalition (OFSC)</u> has launched QPR training (CPR is for heart attacks, QPR is for suicide prevention) at gun clubs in partnership with county OHA programs. If you have 3 minutes, please watch our <u>Suicide Awareness Video</u>.

Thank you.

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