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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply troubled by the attempts being made to infringe upon my Constitutional right to bear arms. HB3075 is nothing more than attempt to further degrade the rights of law abiding citizens in our great state of Oregon. Ownership and possession of firearms is a god given right. Ownership of firearms is just as much about personal freedoms and defense as it is a National Security issue. Remember the words of Japanese General Isoroku Yamamoto. "You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass". I believe this is very much so still an effective deterrent for people who have ill wishes against our great nation. On a more personal level what happens to law abiding citizens in cities like Portland where our rights have already been infringed upon with laws banning open carry of firearms? We are left to hope for an effective response from police to protect us against bad actors in a city that has in recent years had many issues with staffing levels of police and extended police response times. While working in Portland I witnessed a domestic incident and reported it while it was ongoing to 911. We could hear loud banging, yelling, and windows being broken out of the home during the fight. This was an obvious heated physical altercation and the police response time was over 45 min. That is a long time to wait and hope for help to come in any type of assault or incident where your well being or life may be in danger. I for one don't believe we should have to be subject to the loss of mine or my families well being or lives because our GOD GIVEN RIGHT to defend ourselves was stripped away. This GOD GIVEN RIGHT is vital to maintain a free and secure society.