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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076
Nathan Garnett Testimony in Opposition to HB 3076

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

As an Oregon resident and Marine Corps Veteran,

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 3076, which directs the Department of Justice to study the establishment of a state gun dealer licensing program. It is a gateway to violate every citizen's right to protect themselves, from any threat to their well-being ranging from fellow human beings to a tyrannical government. It is a waste of resources as it will do nothing to curb gun violence, only prevent law-abiding citizens from having the means to adequately defend themselves. Guns exist in every country, despite varying "levels" of gun control. Visit a country where firearms are illegal, you find that few good people have firearms, those that do have them for personal protection, keep them hidden and are unable to develop or maintain a level of proficiency to handle the firearm in a safe and effective manner. It's the criminals and criminal organizations who run rampant threatening the lives of good people, as if the law doesn't exist.

This bill will put an undue hardship on small business, owned and operated by families of Oregon. And for what? To further "control" the population and the firearms within the state? Control will never happen, violent criminals will not be stopped by ANY legislation. The poor use of resources that go into these kinds of bills is an atrocity. Use these resources to treat mental health, to establish firearm safety trainings for our youth, anything but restricting every resident of Oregon for the actions of a very small percentage.

I urge you to reject this bill as it is unnecessary and likely harmful to the general public.

Respectfully,
Nathan Garnett
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