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I'm writing to you as a concerned Oregonian who cares deeply about our communities, our families, and the small businesses that hold our state together. House Bill 3076, with its new rules for gun dealer licenses, worries me not because I don't want safety, but because I fear it misses the heart of the problem while putting unnecessary strain on good people trying to make a living. I hope you'll hear me out with an open mind.

I understand the desire to keep our neighborhoods safe; as a woman who cherishes peace, I want that too. But our gun dealers the ones following the rules are already watched closely by the federal government through the ATF. They've got background checks, strict guidelines, and renewals to keep them accountable. Adding more state rules feels like piling on extra chores for folks who are already doing their part. Couldn't we use that energy to focus on the real troublemakers instead?

I think about the small gun shops in our rural towns the ones run by families, not big corporations. These are places where people go to feel secure, whether it's for hunting to feed their kids or protecting their homes. Extra fees, paperwork, and rules could make it so hard for these shops that they might have to close their doors. That breaks my heart, knowing how much our rural sisters and brothers depend on them. Shouldn't we be lifting up these small businesses, not weighing them down?

And here's what really keeps me up at night: I don't see how this bill stops the violence we're all afraid of. The news like that piece in the Oregon Capital Chronicle talks about rising gun crimes, and it's awful. But those crimes aren't coming from the little shops this bill targets. They're from illegal deals and stolen guns—things these new rules won't touch. I'd feel so much better if we put our care and effort into catching the people who break the law, not adding more hurdles for the ones who don't.

Most of all, I worry about our freedoms the ones that let us protect ourselves and our loved ones. My grandmother taught me how precious those rights are, and I want my kids to grow up with that same sense of safety and independence. This bill feels like it's chipping away at that, little by little, and I just want us to be careful not to lose what makes Oregon special.

Please, think about the families and small businesses this could hurt, and the real problems we still need to solve. I know you want what's best for us I do too. Let's find a way to keep our communities safe without making life harder for the good folks who call Oregon home.

With hope and gratitude,

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