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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3076, which directs the Oregon Department of Justice to study the feasibility of a state-run gun dealer licensing program. While framed as a study, this bill represents the first step toward unnecessary and excessive regulation that could harm small business owners, infringe on Second Amendment rights, and do little to enhance public safety.

#### Concerns Over Regulatory Overreach

The federal government already has an established licensing process for firearms dealers through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders must comply with extensive background checks, record-keeping, and inspections. Adding a state-level licensing requirement would create redundant bureaucracy, increasing costs and administrative burdens for law-abiding business owners without clear benefits to public safety.

#### Negative Impact on Small Businesses

Oregon's small, locally owned gun shops already face significant regulatory hurdles. Implementing an additional state licensing program could make it even more difficult for these businesses to operate, potentially forcing many to shut down. This would concentrate firearm sales in the hands of larger, corporate retailers, reducing consumer choice and hurting local economies.

#### Lack of Justification for Additional Regulation

There is no clear evidence that a state-run licensing system would reduce crime or enhance background check effectiveness. The existing federal system already includes extensive safeguards, and criminals largely acquire firearms through illegal means, not licensed dealers. Instead of diverting resources toward an unnecessary licensing scheme, the state should focus on enforcing existing laws and addressing root causes of crime.

#### Second Amendment Concerns

While this bill is presented as a mere study, its intent appears to be paving the way for additional gun control measures in Oregon. Any attempt to implement a state gun dealer licensing system could lead to future restrictions that unfairly target law-abiding businesses and gun owners. This is a step toward infringing upon the constitutional rights of Oregonians who choose to exercise their Second Amendment freedoms.

## Conclusion

HB 3076 is an unnecessary and potentially harmful piece of legislation that could lead to excessive regulation, hurt small businesses, and infringe upon constitutional rights. I urge the committee to reject this bill and instead focus on policies that directly address crime and public safety without imposing undue burdens on law-abiding gun dealers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cody Frazier