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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075
Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask you to support House Bill 3075.

In October 2023, I left work in downtown Portland to commute home. Almost immediately upon leaving the office, I was caught up in a shooting that left one man dead, another badly injured, and a third facing the possibility of life in prison. If I had left the building just ten seconds earlier - I'll say that again - just ten seconds earlier, I could very well also have been a victim of this crime. It is profoundly unjust that Oregonians should be subject to the threat of gun violence at any time, anywhere, with random chance such as my not leaving the office ten seconds earlier being all that stands between us and injury or death.

I am sharing my experience with you not because I want your sympathy but because I demand your action. You are responsible as members of our state government for playing your part in helping to keep Oregonians safe. Research shows that permitting requirements can help to lower rates of homicide and suicide by gun. Voters sent you a message by backing Measure 114. We want to see the permit-to-purchase system in operation. You must do what you can to make that happen by supporting House Bill 3075.

There are far too many Oregonians like me who are left shaking after an incident of gun violence and thinking, "what if?" And even worse, those who aren't as lucky as I was and aren't able to go home to their families as I did that night. Please listen to me and the vast number of other Oregonians who are survivors of gun violence. Support House Bill 3075 to help keep us all safe.

Thank you.

Alice Lundell