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The Honorable Members of Oregon

Subject: Opposition to HB 3075

Dear Members of the Legislative Body,

I am writing to you not only as a citizen but as a victim of gun violence, a victim whose life has been irrevocably altered by a system that failed to protect me at every turn. I implore you to hear my story, to understand the stakes, and to reject HB 3075.

Last year, I was assaulted with a firearm by a man who was already a convicted felon. I believed—naively, it seems—that our justice system would prioritize removing such a deadly weapon from his possession. To my dismay, that never happened. Despite a signed protection order and an impending arrest, the sheriff's department asked me to retrieve the weapon myself from the residence where I had been attacked. They wanted me, the victim, to confront my abuser—a man who had already threatened my life.

Fearing for my safety, I refused. What followed was two weeks of inaction: no arrest, no serving of my protection order, no search warrant for the weapon. Somewhere along the way, he signed an affidavit claiming he no longer had the firearm. Even after he plead guilty hasn't already convicted felon to an additional gun charge and assault. That was enough. No one searched his house. No parole officer checked for the weapon. Yet I know, through credible accounts, that he still has it.

Since then, he has been arrested again, this time for possessing a knife. Despite his history of violence and his status as a felon, he has faced no meaningful consequences. He pled guilty to fourth-degree assault with a firearm—a charge that downplays the severity of his actions—and he still walks free, armed and unrepentant. All while I live in fear I live in fear.

HB 3075 hinders me from protecting myself and doesn't keep firearms from convicted

felons, some of whom are violent criminals who pose a clear danger to society. This is unacceptable.

I oppose HB 3075 because I know firsthand what happens when the system fails to act. People get hurt. Lives are forever changed. I urge you to prioritize the safety of victims like me, to ensure that convicted felons are held accountable, and to make the removal of firearms from their possession a top priority.

The system let me down. Don't let it fail others.

Sincerely,  
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