

Submitter: Jennifer Britton  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Jennifer Britton, and I am an insurance claims adjuster specializing in workers' compensation. As a wife, mother, and a woman who works in an industry where I frequently deal with potentially dangerous situations, I carry a firearm for my own protection, and I am writing to strongly oppose HB3075.

The decision to carry a firearm is not one I take lightly. It's a decision I make because, like so many other women and vulnerable individuals, I often find myself in situations where I feel at risk. As a claims adjuster, I deal with a range of cases, including those involving workplace injuries, and I have encountered individuals who have made me feel unsafe. Whether it's a late-night meeting or an unplanned visit to an unfamiliar location, I need to know that I have the means to protect myself should I face a threat.

HB3075 would directly impact my ability to protect myself by limiting access to firearms for responsible, law-abiding citizens like me. This bill would undermine the rights of women, in particular, who are at an increased risk of violence. We don't have the luxury of physical strength that men do; we rely on the tools available to us, like a firearm, to level the playing field when we are under attack.

This measure would also disproportionately affect marginalized communities—those who are already more vulnerable to violence and discrimination. For women, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, the right to carry a firearm is not just a matter of personal preference, it is a matter of survival. No one should be denied the right to defend themselves, especially when they are at risk of harm.

I carry a firearm because I know that in a dangerous situation, my odds of survival increase when I am prepared. Taking away my right to self-defense with HB3075 does not make me safer—it only makes me more vulnerable to those who seek to do harm. I shouldn't have to choose between my safety and my rights.

HB3075 will not prevent criminals from committing crimes. It will only disarm the law-abiding citizens who are trying to protect themselves. We should be focusing on policies that strengthen our ability to defend ourselves, not weaken it.

I urge you to vote against HB3075. This bill would put people like me—responsible, law-abiding citizens—at greater risk, and I implore you to consider the real consequences it will have on people's lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Britton