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

Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 3076, which directs the Department of Justice to study the establishment of a state gun dealer licensing program. This bill is yet another attempt to chip away at our Second Amendment rights, under the ruse of “studying” gun sales. However, this only leads to more government regulation, contrived loopholes and red tape designed to mire legal acquisition more barriers to lawful gun ownership. This House Bill is an inevitable push toward restrictive policies that make it harder for law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights.

HB 3076 is an erosion of Oregonians lawful right(s) to purchase legal firearms.

The intent behind this bill is transparent: to devise a state-controlled gun dealer licensing system. This catastrophic precedent would allow future legislators to further limit, and restrict, firearm sales beyond what is already federally required.

This House Bill is clearly not about the safety of our fellow Oregonians, but is rather about control. The federal government with its highly regulated and monitored FFL (Federal Firearms Licensing) already has extensive limitations and requirements of Federally Licensed gun dealers, to include background checks, ATF licensing requirements, and strict compliance laws. Adding another layer of state bureaucracy is redundant, unnecessary, and an unconstitutional overreach, as well as another attack on the financially burdened Oregon taxpayer.

House Bill 3076 is the second wave of a Blitzkrieg Attack on Law-Abiding Citizens, but not the violent criminals that use firearms to gain compliance from their victims, or worse, an unmitigated act of violence!

Like many recent gun control measures, HB 3076 once again targets the responsible Oregon gun owner and legally vetted and federally scrutinized firearms dealers, all the while doing nothing to stop criminals. This common affront on the lawful Oregon gun owner is as misdirected as punishing the legal firearm enthusiasts, but doing nothing to apply stiffer sentencing enhancements on criminals that use firearms illegally.

A Direct Violation of the Second Amendment

Our divinely drafted Second Amendment clearly states among other rights, that the right to keep and bear arms “shall not be infringed.”

Yet, time and time again, we see efforts like HB 3076 attempting to undermine this right, by manufacturing excessive regulations without the exhaustive consideration of the unintended consequences this thinly veiled attempt at class warfare on the impoverished cross section of fellow Oregonians; Single mothers, DPSST Certified Armored car workers & Security Guards, Small Business Owners, Oregon Hunters and Anglers, Sport-Shooting aficionados, and not least, Oregonians of Color that are disproportionately impoverished and victims of violent crimes that are struggling to provide for their families & themselves.

In Conclusion: I Stand Against House Bill 3076!

I too, urge you to reject HB 3076 and any future legislation that seeks to undermine our Second Amendment rights, and every Oregonians ability to protect themselves. Instead of targeting responsible gun owners and businesses, lawmakers should embrace their civic responsibility by addressing mental health issues, and focus on compelling lenient District Attorneys to enforce our multitude of existing firearm laws, for example, cracking down on criminals who obtain guns illegally.

Respectfully,
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