

Date: March 18, 2025

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Emalydia Flenory, On Behalf of AFT-Oregon, GTFF Local 3544

Re: Support for HB 3076

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Emalydia Flenory, and I am writing on behalf of AFT-Oregon to urge your support for House Bill 3076. It is a critical policy that will prevent firearm tragedies and save lives.

From 2017 to 2021, over 26,000 crime guns were recovered in Oregon, an average of 100 guns a week every week for five years.

All of us should be safe from violent gun crimes in our neighborhoods, no matter our race, income, or zip codes. Today, the ATF is only inspecting Oregon gun dealers once every 57 years, and even when they are found to have significant violations, they are not being shut down. Just as food safety rules at restaurants and hygiene requirements in nail salons work to keep us healthy, we ought to have gun shop regulations to keep our communities safe.

Gun dealers play a critical role in our public safety and should be held responsible for fostering a culture of responsible gun dealing, purchasing, ownership, and theft prevention.

Implementing protocols such as required annual reporting, routine state inspections, and inventory tracking is critical to the broader effort to prevent gun tragedies and protect our communities.

We must stop the flow of guns being used for crime in our communities. Gun dealer licensing is a proven solution to violent gun crimes that has already been passed in 17 states. Research shows gun dealer licensing reduces gun diversions for criminal activity by 60% and homicides by almost 40%.

Passing HB 3076 will make our communities safer places to live, work, learn and play. AFT-Oregon urges you to vote yes.

Signed,

Emalydia Flenory

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