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

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3075, which represents an overreach of government authority and an infringement on the constitutional rights of law-abiding Oregonians. This bill, building upon the already contentious Measure 114, imposes burdensome requirements such as an expanded permit process with a 60-day waiting period and doubled fees, disproportionately affecting those who rely on firearms for self-defense, hunting, or sport. These measures do little to address the root causes of violence, instead punishing responsible citizens while criminals—who routinely ignore such laws—remain unaffected. By declaring this an "emergency," the legislature is also bypassing the democratic process, preventing Oregonians from challenging it through referendum, which undermines trust in our government.

Furthermore, HB 3075 tilts the scales against gun owners by dictating that legal challenges must occur in courts least likely to favor Second Amendment rights, a clear attempt to stack the deck and silence dissent. Rural residents, who often face delayed police response times, are particularly vulnerable under this legislation, as it limits their ability to protect themselves and their families. Rather than reducing crime, this bill risks emboldening criminals who know law-abiding citizens are increasingly disarmed. I urge you to reject HB 3075 and instead focus on policies that target actual criminal behavior, not the rights of Oregon's law-abiding population. Our freedoms, enshrined in both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions, deserve better than this.