

Date: March 17, 2025

To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Sandra Lacea

Re: Opposition to HB 3075

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

My name is Sandra Lacea, and I am a gun owner who believes in responsible firearm ownership and policies that genuinely reduce gun violence. However, legislation must be both effective and equitable. HB 3075, like Measure 114 before it, fails on both counts. Instead of focusing on evidence-based solutions that target the root causes of violence, this bill imposes new restrictions that unfairly burden law-abiding gun owners while doing little to prevent crime.

One of the most concerning provisions is the restriction on so-called “large-capacity” magazines. This law is not only impractical to enforce—especially for legally owned magazines already in circulation—but also disproportionately impacts responsible individuals, particularly women who rely on firearms for personal protection. Women face unique self-defense challenges, often needing every possible advantage to counter physical disparities in violent confrontations. Limiting magazine capacity reduces their ability to defend themselves effectively, especially in situations where multiple assailants are involved. Criminals, by contrast, will not be deterred by this restriction.

HB 3075 also completely misses the mark when it comes to addressing the actual causes of gun violence. The vast majority of firearm-related deaths are suicides, yet this bill does nothing to address the mental health crisis fueling these tragedies. Community-based violence reduction programs, domestic violence intervention, and expanding access to mental health resources would do far more to save lives than imposing new barriers on responsible gun owners.

At a time when many Oregonians are struggling with rising crime, homelessness, and economic instability, lawmakers should be focusing on real solutions—not performative legislation that punishes law-abiding citizens while failing to make anyone safer. If we are serious about preventing gun violence, then our policies must be serious as well.

I urge you to reject HB 3075 in its current form and instead support solutions that actually address the root causes of violence.

Sincerely,

Sandra Lacea