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I am writing this in opposition of HB 3075. While there may have been some “authoritative” figure that has deemed this as a constitutional change, HB 3075 goes against everything that the Second Amendment stands for. We the people have the right to bear arms without limitations and furthermore, without the fear being placed upon law abiding citizens that our purchased goods are going to be confiscated by the government that is supposed to be in place to protect the people – not disarm them.

The state of California has over 100 different laws in place to restrict the manner and space that a firearm can be used, yet they have had 183 mass shootings since 2020. In comparison, Oregon has had 17 since 2020. There is an ongoing mental health crisis occurring in America and politicians are not batting an eye at trying to fix those problems, instead are putting time and effort into trying to punish law abiding citizens with these hidden agendas and false narratives being labeled as “safety precautions” and “for the people.”

The people of Oregon did not vote for HB 3075 and Measure 114. The people of only 6 counties in the entire state voted for these to be put in place, while the other 30 counties in Oregon voted against these. It is not ethical to let only 6 counties speak for the entire rest of the state who are against HB 3075 and Measure 114. If those counties want to set limitations on their own rights and options for self-defense, let them. However, it is unconstitutional to impose these restrictions on the rest of the state who believe in their rights and second amendment.

There is a massive, ongoing mental health crisis ongoing across America. Where is the political involvement in that? That is the real issue. Guns are not the problem. People have a major need for medical attention for their mental health and they either do not have access, no insurance, or can't afford it out of pocket. This is where there needs to be a focus and where attention and time needs to be spent. There are groups advocating in favor of these measures because of the number of suicides. Suicides are not happening with what is being targeted with HB 3075 and 114. If mass shootings are the issue on magazine limits and the type of firearms allowed for purchase, why are metal detectors not being placed in schools and high-volume areas? Why are law enforcement budgets being restricted, police presence downsized? Can anyone in their right state of mind truly and honestly say that gun violence will go away just because people are told they can't have a certain type? Mental health needs this focus. Not guns.

There is such a lack of transparency and logistical reasoning with this bill, that in no way should it be supported with how it is written and being presented. How is raising the costs of permits going to help keep me and my family safe? How is limiting and restricting our options for self defense going to keep me safe? When there are limited

of cops and public resources available to respond to emergencies, how is that going to keep me safe when I cannot have my own preference of firearms in my own home to protect me? There are already background checks in place and have been since 1989. There are already ATF requirements in place. There are already strict regulations on legal transfers of firearms. These laws make sense to keep guns out of the hands who shouldn't have them. Anyone not following these laws are the ones that should be looked at.

The only ones being impacted by this are the law-abiding citizens and they are the ones that will be punished if these are pushed through. Real criminals are going to find a way and will use whatever they want, regardless of the law. The state needs to focus on the areas that need help and not focus on the law-abiding citizens with a smoke and mirrors show without answers, honesty, and the right intentions in mind. What is being done is against the law and is not constitutional.