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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Carey Hilbert and I am a 36-year resident of Eugene, OR. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 3076, Gun Dealer Licensing in Oregon. What is first and foremost appalling is that while there is a federal law requiring firearms dealers to obtain a license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), there is NO requirement for a gun dealer to obtain a license or a permit to sell guns in Oregon.

The ATF estimated in 2024 well over 68,000 guns were illegally trafficked through unlicensed dealers who were not required to perform background checks. Will law breakers continue to break the law? Yes, but that doesn't mean we sit idly by and watch them. Liquor stores, food trucks, therapeutic massage and nail salons have to submit to licensing and inspection. How is it that stores selling deadly guns and ammunitions have no licensing regulations in our state? That is absurdity!

The gun lobby lies, alters, hides and manipulates facts in the name of the 2nd amendment – which does not say one word about “unfettered, unrestricted access” - and licensing does not change a person's ability to buy a gun through a above board, licensed seller. Measure 114 has been found constitutional, which angers the gun lobby because that is their battle cry. It is time for our law makers to get a backbone against the gun lobby! If you can't, then tell us in detail how licensing infringes on the rights of illegal sellers.

Sincerely,

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