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I am a lifelong Oregonian, testifying in support of HB 3076, because I am committed to reducing all forms of gun violence in our state. Oregon should implement state licensing and a code of conduct for arms dealers because the current lack of oversight puts our communities at risk. We have state licensing laws in place for pharmacies, nail salons and many other commercial interests; it is absurd that we do not have state licensing requirements for sellers of lethal weapons.

State licensing of arms dealers is within the scope of the US Constitution and the Second Amendment, with laws regulating firearms dealers in 27 states and the District of Columbia. These laws have helped to reduce gun trafficking, gun homicide rates and theft from dealers.

Firearms have replaced motor vehicles as the leading cause of death for people between ages 1 and 19. Illegal practices by irresponsible gun dealers contribute to this horrible outcome. We owe it to our children and all Oregonians to pass common sense gun safety legislation to help prevent incidents of gun violence, crime and suicide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I ask you all to support this important legislation.