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To the House Committee on Judiciary:

For awareness, in order to sell firearms in America one must obtain an Federal Firearms License (FFL). This requires also going through a regular review and audit. Furthermore, to sell specialized firearms, such as short barreled rifles or shotguns, suppressors, explosive devices, or fully automatic weapons the seller must have additional licensing which comes with additional scrutiny and cost on top already meeting the cost and requirements to obtain the basic FFL - and must have multiple at that to sell all of the prior items listed. In order to purchase such items in that list also has additional scrutiny, background checks, and potentially licenses as well for the customer, not just the store/business. So, the attempt to "be safer" is already meet by law abiding citizens and the Federal program for FFLs.

The above should be common knowledge if one simply checks the requirements for purchase or sales of a firearm with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tabaco, Firearms, and Explosives (BAFTE). Even if such an organization was dissolved by the current administration in the Federal Executive Office, these laws on FFLs and the checks and balances on it would remain.

For Oregon, from a business and economic standpoint this could be used to put out of business the smaller shops and does not affect big business that has national franchise chains. So, in effect, this can damage the local economy and business in an already shrinking state for both business and population, which in turn will lower taxable revenue for the state.

For the individual, this HB, in combination with other legislation to fight the "war on legal gun owners for the sake of stopping criminals who already do not follow the law", will likely loose more population, which cuts into the state economy, and reduces the revenue/taxes for the state.

If one was to argue using the emotionally charged claim of "what of the children", or something similar, the crime stats and cases for accidental self shooting simply does not match this emotional argument that would justify this legislation either as no "safety" is really ultimately provided.

So, in review: there is no logical, fiscal or economic/business reason to do this - if wanting to help the economy and understanding that law abiding citizens are the only

ones that would be affected by this. This does not affect criminals. This does not reduce crime. This does not even provide a semblance of "safety." Instead this only goes after small business owners and potential gun purchasers.

While quorum can be achieved without a bi-partisan legislation, I recommend not going full hog as we Oregonians really do have bigger issues such as illegal drug use, homelessness, and more, but firearms sales is not one that really is necessary at this time. Criminals will be criminals. Law abiding citizens will be law abiding.