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I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 3076, which will eventually lead the Department of Justice to explore the creation of a state gun dealer licensing program. This bill represents yet another attempt to erode our Second Amendment rights, disguised as a mere “study” of gun sales. However, we already know the outcome, more government regulation, greater barriers to lawful gun ownership, and an eventual push for restrictive policies that make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights.

HB 3076: A Gateway to Increased Gun Control

The objective of this bill is clear: to establish a state-controlled gun dealer licensing system that would empower future legislators to impose additional limits, restrictions, and regulations on firearm sales beyond what is already federally mandated. This is not about safety it is about control. The federal government already enforces comprehensive regulations on gun dealers, including background checks, ATF licensing, and strict compliance laws. Adding another layer of state bureaucracy is redundant, unnecessary, and an unconstitutional overreach.

Targeting Law-Abiding Citizens, not criminals.

As with many recent gun control efforts, HB 3076 targets responsible gun owners and dealers while doing nothing to curb criminal activity. Oregon has numerous gun laws in place all the while criminals continue to disregard the law.

By introducing unnecessary licensing requirements, HB 3076 could drive small, family-owned firearm businesses out of operation, leaving Oregonians with fewer legal options to purchase firearms. This bill does nothing to reduce crime it only makes it harder for responsible citizens to protect themselves and their families.

A Direct Violation of the Second Amendment...

The Second Amendment clearly asserts that the right to keep and bear arms “shall not be infringed.” Yet, we continue to see attempts like HB 3076 to erode that right through excessive regulations and bureaucratic obstacles. The government should not have the authority to decide who can and cannot sell firearms, beyond the rigorous federal standards already in place. This bill is not about public safety; it is about setting the stage for future gun restrictions. If this bill passes, what comes next? A state gun registry? Increased taxes and fees on firearms? Oregon lawmakers have already passed unconstitutional gun control measures, enough is enough. What will the financial burden of this bill be on the state and taxpayers?

I urge you to reject HB 3076 and any future legislation that seeks to undermine our Second Amendment rights. Instead of targeting responsible gun owners and businesses, lawmakers should focus on enforcing existing laws, addressing mental health issues, and cracking down on criminals who illegally acquire firearms.

HB 3076 is a slippery slope toward more restrictions, more control, and fewer freedoms for Oregonians. Do not let this bill pass. Stand up for our constitutional rights and the ability of every Oregonian to protect themselves and their families.