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I oppose HB3076, or any additional gun legislation, including requirements for additional dealer licensing, gun licensing whether applicable to gun dealers, parts dealers or gun owners. This is just another attempt and attack on Oregon gun owners, to erode our rights and find ways to prevent Oregonians from using those protected rights. This bill is another attempt at gun control for law abiding, legal gun owners that are of no threat to anyone. Dealers are already heavily scrutinized, taxed and further requirements are only meant to push dealers and gun owners out of Oregon and prevent them from purchasing, owning, using and enjoying guns, parts or ammunition. This is another backdoor attempt by Oregon Democrats to prevent gun owners and gun dealers from exercising rights. Bills like this, only prevent law abiding Oregonians from accessing, purchasing and using lawful guns, gun parts and ammunition. What and who would really be impacted by this bill or any other gun bill; lawful gun owners, not criminals. Background checks, additional licensing, fingerprinting, gun registries all attack and prevents the lawful gun owners of Oregon, not the criminals that you either seem to think or want to believe, use gun stores to purchase guns, parts and ammo. According to a study done in 2016 by the Obama administrations Bureau of Justice Statistics, only 10% of the firearms used by criminals (already a small percentage of the population) for a crime, were obtained through a retail source. I would ask you, what is the real goal of this bill, or any other gun legislation, if the effects will only potentially prevent a very small minority of those crimes you claim to want to stop? The vast majority of criminals obtained their firearms through other means, including illegal underground sales, straw-men purchases, theft, stolen from their victims or purchased from a friend or family member. The fact is, crime goes down when good guys have guns. Stop attacking the good guys, guns, Oregon gun owners and gun dealers. There are already too many laws surrounding guns. Gun owners are among the most patriotic, law abiding and safe populations in the state of Oregon and the USA. To prevent drunk driving you do not ban cars for everyone else so stop trying to prevent gun owners from purchasing guns, parts and ammunition. We are not the problem, guns are not the problem, gun dealers are not the problem. Turn these efforts towards the real problem...drugs, erosion of the core family, erosion of community, erosion of faith, erosion of values and hard work, addicts, homelessness, illegal immigration, and all kinds of problems in our public schools, which is exactly where much of the others problems start. All of these things contributes to violence. I VEHEMENTLY oppose this house bill, or any other legislation, to further erode our rights, and this is exactly the intent of this bill!