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Opposition Testimony to Oregon House Bill 3076 (2025)  
Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in opposition to House Bill 3076. This bill directs the Department of Justice to study the creation of a state gun dealer licensing program. While it may seem like a harmless study, it is clearly the beginning of more government overreach, unnecessary regulation, and additional costs to taxpayers.

1. Oregonians Demand Government Efficiency: Government efficiency is not just a buzzword—it's a widespread demand from Oregonians and citizens across the country. People are tired of bureaucratic red tape, excessive regulations, and new bills that do nothing but burden taxpayers and businesses. Government should be working for the people, not adding more unnecessary layers of complexity. The fact is, the public is watching, and the demand for efficient governance has never been stronger. Politicians who ignore this demand risk being voted out of office by voters who want smarter, leaner government that delivers results without overregulating or imposing unnecessary costs. If you want to stay in touch with the people's needs and concerns, you must get on board with a focus on efficiency—because we, the voters, are demanding it.

2. Oregonians Are Tired of Being Overregulated: House Bill 3076 is just another example of unnecessary regulation. Instead of addressing the real causes of crime or focusing on meaningful public safety initiatives, we are being asked to create more bureaucracy, more regulation, and more fees that hurt responsible gun owners and small businesses. This bill is not about public safety; it's about creating more government control. Oregonians are tired of politicians who legislate out of fear or moral panic. We need real, effective policies—not more regulations that stifle our rights and freedoms.

3. Burden on Small Businesses: Many of Oregon's gun dealers are small, family-owned businesses already abiding by federal regulations. This bill will only add another layer of red tape, increasing their costs and making it harder for them to operate. Small businesses are the backbone of Oregon's economy, and instead of supporting them, lawmakers are introducing bills that will increase their compliance burdens. A focus on government efficiency would eliminate these unnecessary obstacles and allow businesses to thrive without the threat of being overregulated.

4. Redundancy and Ineffectiveness: Oregon already has a strong regulatory framework for firearms, including background checks. Federal law governs gun dealer licensing. This bill introduces a redundant and ineffective layer of bureaucracy that will not improve public safety. Rather than creating more regulations, Oregon needs to focus on ensuring that the laws we have are being enforced effectively. Government efficiency means focusing on solutions that work and eliminating

redundant, wasteful programs.

5. A Slippery Slope to More Restrictions: Once the framework for a state gun dealer licensing program is in place, it will only be a matter of time before even more restrictions are proposed. This bill is a first step in a larger plan to erode Second Amendment rights in Oregon. Instead of expanding government control over our lives, we need a government that is focused on protecting our rights and making thoughtful decisions, not pushing for new regulations that limit our freedoms.

Conclusion: House Bill 3076 is just another unnecessary step toward overregulation, and it is not in the best interest of Oregon's citizens. Oregonians want government to work efficiently, not create more problems for them to navigate. If you continue to push for unnecessary laws that create more bureaucracy and regulation, you will only alienate voters and undermine trust in government. I strongly urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on making Oregon's government more efficient and effective for the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.