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Testimony on HB-3076
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On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA), I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to HB-3076 and to the dash-1 amendments which were a sneaky attempt to pull another fast one on Oregon citizens. The audacity and lack of transparency in filing bills and doing these “bait and switch” amendments is a big reason why citizens don’t trust our government!

We don’t believe there is any need whatsoever for a new state licensing program for firearms dealers.

Most of Oregon’s gun dealers are small businesses. Our members rely on these businesses for the purchase and repair of firearms, which are the tools of our trade as hunters. These dealers are already highly regulated by the Federal Government through the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). They all have Federal Firearms Licenses (FFLs) without which they couldn’t do business.

Today the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) provides nationwide oversight and regulation of Federal Firearms Licensees. This includes all aspects of licensee requirements and restrictions including background checks for the FFL, storage requirements, record keeping, auditing, accountability and more.

Ask ANY FFL – obtaining and maintaining a FFL is highly regulated and controlled today. HB3076 starts out as a gross replication of BATF policies and procedures only to be repeated with another agency. It imposes expensive business requirements, processes, and configurations that essentially drive businesses out of operation. This is gross overregulation.

There is no reason to believe that adding another license to these highly regulated businesses will provide any benefit. However, if state licensing were enacted, it would add a tremendous cost and extra burden on these small business owners.

Leave Oregon’s already regulated gun dealers alone!