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Chair, Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to HB 3076, which seeks to impose an unnecessary and redundant state-level permitting requirement on firearm sellers in Oregon. This legislation is not only an overreach of state authority but also an undue burden on lawful businesses and a violation of Second Amendment rights.

Federal Oversight Already Exists

The federal government, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), already imposes stringent licensing and compliance requirements on firearm dealers. Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders must undergo background checks, maintain detailed records, and submit to regular inspections. Any failure to comply can result in severe penalties, including fines and license revocation. Adding a state-level permit serves no functional purpose except to create redundant bureaucracy.

Unnecessary Burdens on Small Businesses

Many firearm dealers in Oregon are small, family-run businesses. Adding another layer of permitting increases costs, creates compliance uncertainty, and opens the door for arbitrary state-level enforcement that could be used to limit access to firearms through administrative hurdles. This disproportionately harms law-abiding business owners who are already in full compliance with federal regulations.

Slippery Slope to Gun Control via Regulation

It is no secret that certain policymakers aim to impose greater restrictions on firearm ownership by making it as difficult as possible for legal gun sellers to operate. This bill creates another avenue for state officials to delay or deny permits based on subjective criteria. It is a backdoor attempt at limiting gun sales without directly confronting Second Amendment protections.

No Proven Public Safety Benefit

There is no evidence that additional state-level permitting would improve public safety. Criminals obtain firearms through illegal means, not from licensed dealers who already conduct federal background checks. Instead of focusing on new

regulations for lawful businesses, lawmakers should prioritize enforcing existing laws against illegal firearm trafficking and violent crime.

Conclusion

HB 3076 is an unnecessary, redundant, and harmful regulation that does nothing to enhance public safety but instead creates additional burdens on lawful firearm businesses. Oregon should not be in the business of duplicating federal laws just to make gun ownership and sales more difficult. I strongly urge the committee to reject this bill and protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners and businesses in our state.

Respectfully submitted,
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