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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Tiago Moreno, and I am writing to urge your support for House Bill 3076. It is a critical policy that will prevent firearm tragedies and save lives.

All of us should be safe from violent gun crimes in our neighborhoods, no matter our race, income, or zip codes. Just as food safety rules at restaurants and hygiene requirements in nail salons work to keep us healthy, we ought to have gun shop regulations to keep us safe.

Holding gun dealers to basic standards of safety and theft prevention is critical to the broader effort to prevent gun tragedies and protect our communities.

As an 18-year-old, I have already spent three years advocating for common-sense gun control legislation. I should not have to. Nor should the middle schoolers who I have seen advocate alongside me, or any of the other children and teenagers who have advocated for this issue. We should be able to focus on our academics, our extracurriculars, and being in community with one another. We should not have to advocate for legislation that should already exist. We should be able to have confidence in our public officials, to be able to know that you will work to end the presence of guns within our schools, communities, and homes. Supporting this bill is one way to demonstrate that you are fighting for us.

We must stop the flow of guns being used for crime in our communities. Gun dealer licensing is a proven solution to violent gun crimes that has already been passed in 17 states. Research shows gun dealer licensing reduces gun diversions for criminal activity by 60% and homicides by almost 40%.

Today, the ATF is only inspecting Oregon gun dealers once every 57 years, and even when they are found to have significant violations, they are not being shut down. Gun dealers play a critical role and should be held responsible to foster a culture of responsible gun dealing, purchasing, and ownership.

Passing HB 3076 will make our communities safer places to live, work, learn, and play. I urge you to vote yes.

Sincerely,  
Tiago Moreno, Portland