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To House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Carol Manstrom. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3076. I am retired from a 26-year career in law enforcement, as a Parole and Probation Officer in Lane County. I carried a firearm, every day, as part of my job. And, I am a gun owner. Before I was a Parole and Probation Officer, I worked as a technician at an aerospace company. This company manufactured small electronic connectors which were used in commercial airplanes. It was clearly and completely understood by all the employees, how critical it was that high standards be maintained. This meant multiple quality control tests, careful record-keeping, inventory control, government inspections, certifications and licensing, specialized training, and close management supervision. Employees knew, and respected, that all of this was related to the safety of the millions of passengers travelling on commercial airplanes! Firearm dealers are in the specific business of selling guns, and of selling the ammunition that goes into those guns. Guns are lethal! It is reasonable and common sense that firearm dealers should be held to a very high standard regarding their business practices! This should include business transparency, licensing, thorough and frequent inspections of inventories and sales records, security measures, and intentional employee training programs. I am a bereaved mother of a precious teenage son, whose name is Will. Will was in high school, when he tragically died by firearm suicide. Will's death occurred because a gun owner breached a basic firearm safety practice! Just as gun owners must be held to a high standard, so must gun dealers! Holding firearm dealers to high standards will result in reduced gun tragedies in our communities, and will aid in the investigation and solving of firearm-related crimes in Oregon. I am respectfully requesting that you prioritize firearm dealer licensing and enforcement by passing House Bill 3076. Thank you.