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I am the owner of a firearms equipment and consulting company in Oregon City. I am opposed to the additional state licensing and Big Brother-like requirements HB3076 will impose. As a firearms dealer, we have undergone background checks from and are federally licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). We are required to renew our Federal Firearms License (FFL) every 3 years, providing the ATF with updates and changes to our licensing, business, etc. Our license can be revoked at any time by the ATF for violations to state and federal laws pertaining to firearm transfers. Our license can also be revoked for our personal violations of state and federal laws.

Creating state-level licensing requirement is redundant and a complete waste of taxpayer money. Instead, the Oregon Department of Justice should use that time and money to investigate and prosecute individuals who have committed crimes involving the illegal use of firearms. Spend the time enforcing the laws currently on the books. Address the criminal element who are committing crimes using firearms. Were firearms used in a crime obtained illegally? Prosecute the offender. Was the buyer of a firearm intentionally attempting to purchase a firearm as a prohibited person? Prosecute the buyer.

Is there another industry that is subjected to the same level of restrictions that HB3076 imposes on firearms dealers? Do car dealers pay state licensing fees based on the number of cars they sell? Are marijuana shops required to keep a record of all transactions including type of product sold, who they sold it to, and whether or not the buyer is legally able to possess marijuana? Are knife retailers required to lock their inventory to the standards of this bill? Why is it that it's the firearms industry that is targeted with this? It's another barrier to conduct legal business, an additional money-grab for the State and businesses who benefit from these additional restrictions, and government overreach to place obstacles in the way for citizens legally attempting to purchase a firearm.

Federally licensed firearms dealers are very regulated. FFL's have strict rules and requirements, and are required to adhere to all state and federal laws. The notion that FFL dealers are the least regulated business is simply not true. The State just hasn't found a way to profit from them as they have other business...until now. The State is replicating current ATF processes with this bill, but wants to charge legitimate businesses 50 times more to do the same work. Many of these requirements are the same requirements the ATF has for FFL dealers. This bill is completely redundant and does nothing to address the issue of violent acts involving firearms. The amount

of work put into this bill should have been refocused to address those who actually break the law instead of adding more bureaucratic red tape to law-abiding business owners.