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House Bill 3076 is yet another attempt to impose unnecessary state-level regulations on firearm dealers, despite the fact that a comprehensive federal licensing system already exists. We do not support additional bureaucratic overreach that serves only to burden law-abiding businesses while doing nothing to curb crime.

1. Redundant and Unnecessary Regulation?:

Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders in Oregon are already subject to strict oversight by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). These regulations include extensive background checks, mandatory record-keeping, and regular inspections. A state-run licensing system would be nothing more than a redundant money grab, adding another layer of government interference with zero evidence that it would improve public safety.

2. Crushing Financial Burden on Small Businesses:

?This bill would financially devastate Oregon's gun dealers, many of whom are small, family-owned businesses. Additional fees, compliance costs, and regulatory hurdles would force dealers out of business, reducing access to legally purchased firearms while doing nothing to stop criminals, who do not obtain guns through legal channels. The reality is that good people will suffer while criminals remain unaffected.

3. Wasting State Resources:

?Instead of wasting taxpayer dollars on a redundant state bureaucracy, Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws. Law enforcement agencies already struggle with resources—why divert funds toward unnecessary licensing when those resources could be used to combat actual crime?

4. Punishing the Law-Abiding While Ignoring Criminals?:

This bill does nothing to address the real sources of gun crime. Instead, it targets responsible business owners and citizens who follow the law. Oregon lawmakers should focus on holding criminals accountable, not harassing law-abiding gun dealers with more red tape.

We reject HB 3076 outright. Oregon's firearm dealers do not need more regulation—they need protection from politicians who are determined to regulate them out of existence. We strongly oppose this blatant attack on small businesses and the Second Amendment.