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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

Testimony Against HB 3076

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose HB 3076, as it imposes unnecessary restrictions on small businesses and law-abiding citizens while failing to address the real issue—criminal activity and mental health and addiction crisis.

1. Violation of Second Amendment Rights – This bill directly infringes upon the constitutional right of citizens to keep and bear arms. Law-abiding individuals should not have their rights restricted due to the actions of criminals who will not follow the law regardless.

2. Burden on Small Businesses – By imposing additional requirements, including background checks and training mandates, HB 3076 creates excessive financial and regulatory burdens on small businesses that sell firearms and ammunition. These businesses, already facing economic challenges, will struggle to comply with these costly provisions.

3. Criminalization of Law-Abiding Citizens – This legislation retroactively criminalizes the possession of firearms or ammunition that were legally obtained before its passage. Turning responsible gun owners into criminals overnight is both unjust and unconstitutional.

4. Costly and Unworkable Implementation – The bill shifts an expensive and logistically difficult burden onto local jurisdictions, requiring them to conduct background checks and oversee training requirements. This will lead to increased costs for taxpayers and reduced resources for other essential community services.

5. No Impact on Criminal Activity – HB 3076 does nothing to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms illegally. Those who purchase weapons outside legal channels will remain unaffected, while law-abiding citizens will be left defenseless. Criminals do not submit to background checks or training; they simply ignore the law.

6. No action to address mental health. HB 3076 does nothing to address the mental health crisis driving the need for personal protection, as well as the violent acts known to be the result of mental health and drug addiction.

By passing this bill, you are not stopping crime, you are restricting the rights of responsible citizens while leaving criminals empowered. I urge you to reject HB 3076 and instead focus on enforcing existing laws against those who commit violent crimes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Ingalls