## **ALL THAT GLITTERS**

## March 20, 2025

Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Judiciary

**RE: Opposition to HB 3076** 

To the Esteemed Members of the Oregon State Legislature:

All That Glitters respectfully submits this position statement to express our strong opposition to the proposed House Bill 3076. This bill, which seeks to impose additional regulations on firearm dealers, including pawnshops, poses significant challenges and potential harm to our industry and the communities we serve.

## Impact on the Pawnshop Industry

- 1. **Existing Security Measures:** Pawnshops, including our establishments, already adhere to stringent security protocols for the storage and transfer of firearms. These measures are designed to prevent unauthorized access and ensure the safety of both our employees and customers. Our facilities are equipped with advanced surveillance systems, secure storage solutions, and comprehensive record-keeping practices that meet or exceed current legal requirements.
- 2. **Collaboration with Law Enforcement:** We maintain a close working relationship with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and local law enforcement agencies. This collaboration ensures that all firearm transactions are conducted legally and transparently, with a focus on preventing illegal transfers and enhancing public safety.
- 3. **Financial Burden and Economic Impact:** The additional regulatory requirements proposed in HB 3076 would impose significant financial burdens on pawnshops. The costs associated with compliance, including licensing fees, mandatory training, and enhanced security measures, could be prohibitive for many small businesses. This financial strain may lead to store closures, resulting in increased unemployment and reduced economic activity in our communities.
- 4. **Potential for Increased Illegal Transfers:** By imposing excessive regulations, HB 3076 may inadvertently drive firearm transactions into unregulated and illegal markets. This shift would undermine the very objectives of the bill, as unlicensed dealers would not be subject to the same scrutiny and oversight as licensed pawnshops. The result could be an increase in illegal firearm transfers, posing a greater risk to public safety.

## **History and Community Involvement**

For decades, our pawnshops and many others have been active contributors to the communities where we operate. We have consistently engaged in community service initiatives, supported local charities, and provided financial assistance to individuals in need. Our commitment to community involvement is reflected in our efforts to create jobs, support local economies, and foster a sense of community well-being. Our longstanding presence in these communities underscores our dedication to serving our customers and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

We urge the Oregon State Legislature to reconsider the implications of HB 3076 on the pawnshop industry and the broader community. The proposed regulations are not only unnecessary, given the existing security measures and collaborative efforts with law enforcement, but also counterproductive in achieving the bill's intended goals. We advocate for a balanced approach that supports public safety without imposing undue burdens on lawabiding businesses and citizens.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and are available for further discussion to explore alternative solutions that address public safety concerns while preserving the viability of the pawnshop industry.

Respectfully submitted,

All That Glitters