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Oregon House Judiciary Committee Testimony in Support of HB 3076

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

My name is Saerom Yoo, and I'm a resident of the St. Johns neighborhood in North Portland. I'm writing today to testify in strong support of House Bill 3076.

While gun homicides have decreased in our city over the past two years, North and North Portland remain hotspots for gun violence. Portland continues to experience twice as many homicides as before the pandemic. Not too long ago, two people were shot and killed in a dispensary just a few blocks from my home.

We must do more to keep guns out of dangerous hands, and gun shops are our first line of defense. Gun sellers should be held to higher safety requirements and held accountable when their business practices contribute to — while profiting from — gun violence due to negligence or intentional misconduct. HB 3076 would implement basic safety and security requirements, along with regular inspections, similar to the regulations already in place for food trucks and nail salons.

I urge you to swiftly pass HB 3076 out of committee to help make our cities safer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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