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On Behalf Of:
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I'm writing in opposition of HB 3076.

The wording of the bill is for potentially establishing a state gun dealer licensing program, but there is no more information on the indications of what is hoped to be gained by this study, which will cost the state money. Without further information this bill should be voted down.

This bill has the potential to add unnecessary layers of bureaucracy for business owners. Many places that sell firearms are small business that play vital rolls in their community giving money to their local schools and organizations. Adding additional burdens to them will limit their ability to help in their community.

Acquiring a Federal Firearms License (FFL) already involves a lengthy process, including federal background checks, which is inherent in the FFL designation. Once the license has been issued the businesses then also are subject to oversight by multiple agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the ATF and Oregon State Police.

Every pre-owned firearm that is purchased from an FFL holder has it's serial number cleared by the Oregon State policy when it comes in and then it's checked again, as is there purchaser. The customers that make a purchase from an organization that has an FFL is a law-abiding citizen. If the person attempting to purchase a firearm lies on the form that is a federal offense and the transfer is not made.

If this bill is just because of violent crimes then Senators and Legislators need to be looking at the underlying issues. Very few guns in crimes and violent acts are not acquired from a licensed firearm dealer. These are people with other issues be it mental or chemical that need help.

Stricter regulations would unfairly harm small businesses, limit the rights of lawful gun owners, and do little to enhance public safety.

Please do not advance HB 3076