

Opposition to Oregon HB 3076 A1

I strongly oppose House Bill 3076, Amendment 1, as it imposes unnecessary, burdensome, and potentially unconstitutional restrictions on Oregon's firearm dealers and, by extension, the rights of law-abiding citizens. This legislation oversteps federal standards, threatens small businesses, and undermines access to a constitutional right—all under the guise of safety, with insufficient evidence or transparency to justify its measures.

First, HB 3076 A1's requirement that dealers be Oregon residents is an arbitrary barrier that excludes out-of-state businesses, like national retailers, from operating here. This not only limits competition—driving up costs for consumers—but also raises serious questions about interstate commerce violations. Why should a qualified, federally licensed dealer be barred from selling in Oregon simply because of where their home address is?

Second, the bill's additional mandates—state-specific licenses, mandatory training courses, and heightened security protocols—pile costs and red tape onto small firearm dealers already compliant with ATF regulations. For rural Oregonians, where gun shops are lifelines for hunting, sport, and self-defense, these closures could mean hours of travel or lost access entirely. The economic fallout isn't hypothetical; it's a direct threat to livelihoods and communities.

Third, this isn't just about dealers—it's about rights. By limiting the supply chain through excessive regulation, HB 3076 A1 indirectly restricts the Second Amendment. A right to bear arms means little if the means to acquire them are legislated out of reach. Federal law already governs dealers effectively; Oregon doesn't need to reinvent the wheel with rules that punish the lawful.

Finally, the process stinks. Shoving this amendment through a late-session hearing—today, March 20, 2025, at the 11th hour—shortchanges public scrutiny. Placeholder bills turned into sweeping policy deserve debate, not a rush job. The lack of clear data showing dealer misconduct justifies this crackdown only deepens the distrust.

HB 3076 A1 isn't a safety fix; it's a solution in search of a problem, crafted to harass a legal industry and erode rights. I urge the House Judiciary Committee to reject this amendment and preserve Oregonians' freedoms, businesses, and fair legislative process.

Thank you

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