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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Ann Turner. I am a retired physician and Co-President of the Board of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR), an organization that works to protect human life from the gravest threats to health and survival.

I am writing in strong support of HB 3076 that directs the Department of Justice to study the establishment of a state gun dealer licensing program, and to provide the results of the study to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2026.

As a physician, I am appalled by deaths from gun violence. We must do our best to make sure that guns do not get into the hands of those with criminal intent or mental illness. Currently, all gun dealer inspections are done at the federal level, meaning that only a small percentage of gun dealerships are inspected each year. As a state, having our own gun dealer licensing program would be big step in ensuring that guns are sold responsibly. States that have their own programs have shown reductions in deaths from gun violence. We must protect the lives of Oregonians from gun violence.

Please pass HB 3076 as a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

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