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On Behalf Of:

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Hello Chair Rep. Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen & Wallen, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of HB3076-1. This bill just makes sense. Restaurants, nail salons, food carts, hair salons, ALL have at least annual inspections by the State to ensure that they are operating their businesses in a manner that is safe for the public. It makes no sense that businesses selling lethal merchandise are not subject to the same level of inspection and enforcement. The agency tasked with doing these inspections has stated openly that they are unable to effectively enforce and inspect dealers in Oregon due to severe budget and staff cuts.

We are losing too many Oregonians to preventable gun tragedies. We must address the up-stream elements that are contributing to the flow of firearms into our communities. This bill has no impact on Oregonians 2nd amendment right to purchase firearms, it simply ensures that dealers follow basic business standards, just like so many industries already do. While the vast majority of these guns end up within 25 miles of where they were originally sold – in Oregon communities – data from the ATF also shows the Cartel is trafficking guns from Southern Oregon to Mexico, an issue before the Supreme Court today.

You have the power to take action that will have a meaningful impact on reducing firearm tragedies. States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%. I urge you to swiftly pass this bill out of committee and when it comes to a floor vote to vote YES.

Thank you.