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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

I am writing to state my opposition to HB 3076.

This bill directs the Department of Justice to study the creation of a state-level gun dealer licensing program. Oregon's gun dealers are already regulated under federal law through the ATF's licensing system. Adding a state-run licensing layer is unnecessary and creates an additional burden on businesses already following strict federal rules.

Further, this measure will likely fall hardest on small, locally owned firearm dealers. New state-level requirements mean more paperwork, higher costs, and extra inspections. Large corporate dealers can absorb these expenses. Small shops cannot. They will struggle, and many may close, reducing lawful access to firearms for responsible Oregonians.

There is also concern that this study sets the groundwork for future regulations aimed at restricting Second Amendment rights. It may begin as a study, but history has shown these steps often lead to more restrictive laws.

At a time when Oregon faces serious issues rising crime, drug addiction, and public safety concerns it is misguided to allocate state resources to something already handled at the federal level.

I urge the committee to reject HB 3076. It duplicates existing law, increases bureaucracy, and moves Oregon in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your consideration.