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900 Court Street NE, HR F  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Portland's public safety bureaus in support of House Bill 3076.

The City of Portland is dedicated to reducing and preventing gun violence in Portland and strongly supports policies and programs that limit access to illegal firearms in Oregon. The number of firearm homicides and shootings in Portland have recently begun to decline, but are still much higher than pre-pandemic levels. In recent years, the City has implemented targeted initiatives to address gun violence, including Safer Summer PDX, which combined street-level outreach, credible messengers, and rapid funding for small community-based organizations with place-based interventions designed to alter environments conducive to violence.

Additionally, in 2023, the City launched Portland Ceasefire, a comprehensive effort among community-based organizations and law enforcement to engage with individuals at the highest risk of gun violence. This program emphasizes direct intervention, ensuring participants understand the consequences of their actions while providing resources and intensive case management to redirect their paths. Further supporting these efforts, the City's Office of Violence Prevention administers gun violence reduction grants, prioritizing outreach in high-risk areas, engagement at after-school programs, and presence at high-profile community events. Most firearms linked to criminal activity were initially purchased from in-state gun dealers, with trafficking playing a key role in their proliferation at crime scenes. However, obtaining data on dealers contributing to the flow of illegal firearms presents significant challenges, hindering law enforcement efforts to curb this issue. Implementing a state-based licensing program would enhance public safety by reducing the prevalence of illegal firearms and providing law enforcement with a safer operational environment.

I urge your support of House Bill 3076.

Sincerely,

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