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My name is Taren Darr, and I'm submitting written testimony as a member of Women for Gun Rights.

I'm opposed to HB 3076 because this bill is not about public safety—it's about making it harder for responsible citizens to buy firearms in Oregon. The local firearm dealers we rely on are already heavily regulated by the federal government through the ATF.

And these aren't giant corporations we're talking about. Many of Oregon's FFLs are small, family-run businesses that can't absorb these extra costs. They'll be forced to pay for new licenses, annual inspections, increased video surveillance storage requirements, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. And when small businesses are hit with higher costs, they have two choices: pass those costs on to consumers or close their doors altogether. Either way, it's the law-abiding citizens and business owners who lose in the end.

This bill is a direct attempt to suffocate the distribution of firearms in our state by making it so difficult and so expensive for dealers to operate that they're effectively pushed out of business. And when you eliminate the legal avenues for purchasing firearms, you aren't stopping criminals—you're just making it harder for responsible citizens to exercise their rights.

And let's be clear—those responsible citizens include more and more women. Did you know that women are the fastest-growing group of gun owners in the country and for good reason. We deserve the ability to defend ourselves and our families, and we shouldn't have that right priced out of reach or regulated into oblivion. Just like HB 3075 this bill creates more barriers for women like me who choose to be their own first line of defense.

I urge you to VOTE NO on HB 3076. Thank you.