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House Committee on Judiciary
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Kropf and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association (NRA), I am writing to express our strong opposition to House Bill 3076 (HB 3076) and the -1 Amendment. This bill will drive the lawful sellers and transferors of firearms out of business in the state of Oregon.

The firearms industry provides thousands of jobs in Oregon. Passage of HB 3076 -1 will result in the state losing tax revenue, payroll taxes, and business license revenue from a 90-billion-dollar industry because Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) will not be able to afford to stay in business. Those lawful FFLs that may be able to afford to stay in business will face exponential and perhaps unobtainable increases in their liability insurance.

HB 3076-1's requirement of annual on-site inspections and unannounced drop-ins by the Department of Justice raises significant privacy concerns for home-based FFLs. The 24-hour video surveillance requirements under this bill will result in around-the-clock government surveillance within the privacy of an individual's home.

HB 3076-1's firearm display and storage restrictions will make fundraiser events, like the Friends of the NRA dinners, which provide millions of dollars in grants to youth shooting teams and ranges impossible to conduct.

HB 3076 -1 purports to be a "public safety enhancing" measure, without explaining how tightening the oppressive requirements for one of the already most heavily regulated occupations in America will "protect the public from gun violence" in Oregon. According to the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms the average time-to-crime with a firearm is 8.53 years, an FFL can't possibly predict criminal intent 8 years in the future at the time of purchase.

Without the firearms industry, Oregonians will not have access to lawfully purchase firearms or ammunition and therefore lose the fundamental right to keep and bear arms. This bill will fuel the black market and illegal purchasing. For these reasons, the NRA is strongly opposed to HB 3076 -1.

Sincerely,

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