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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3076, specifically concerning the declaration of an emergency upon passage. It is difficult to understand the rationale for an emergency when the bill seeks to impose a tax on legitimate businesses, particularly those that operate in compliance with both state and federal regulations. If there is truly an emergency, I request that it be clearly defined. Absent a legitimate emergency, the declaration appears to be an attempt to prevent the bill from being challenged by voters, undermining the democratic process. Furthermore, it is clear to many, including gun dealers and lawful gun owners, that the true intent behind this legislation is to place undue financial burdens on gun dealers, effectively pushing them out of business.

I urge you to reconsider the priorities of the state legislature. Rather than focusing on measures that will penalize law-abiding businesses, resources should be directed toward addressing more pressing concerns, such as improving education funding and tackling homelessness.

Additionally, imposing heavy taxation on legal gun dealers will likely drive consumers toward the black market, which will only exacerbate crime and make regulation even more difficult. As the regulation of Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders falls under federal jurisdiction, state-level interference with this industry is not only problematic but counterproductive....