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Dear Members of the Committee,

Please support this bill, but do it the right way. I am a big game hunter, an archer, conservationist, and farmer.

A lot of the opposition doesn't seem to understand the big problem here. The ATF is unable to complete the tasks they have been assigned like regulating, inspecting FFLs every 3 years, and holding to account bad dealers. There are some dealers allowing illegal sales and transfers and we need a better way to identify and prosecute them. The ATF is too under staffed to do this the right way. We need a state level solution, it's our state so let's solve it locally.

A lot of the opposition considers this an infringement on their right to bear arms. There are over 500 million civilian owned firearms in the US, so there are plenty of guns for everyone. Go out today and invest in 2-3 quality guns and they will last you the rest of your life. I get that many folks rely on selling guns to make a living and want sales up. Then get on board with a solution here to end the bad dealers to protect your industry.

Come on Oregonians, let's stop pretending like this bill is keeping you from buying a new gun, optic, or gear (that are mostly unnecessary for folks who take the fundamentals of the craft seriously. The gun industry marketing is great, but I mean it's an industry to make money, too). I reload and enjoy muzzleloading, sport shooting, and tactical handgun training, but I notice a lot of folks these days need to focus on regular training and mastering the fundamentals. A new piece of gear is fun but often unnecessary if you don't take gun ownership seriously. This means regular shooting, dry fire, drills (set alarm at 3am and see how your skills decline), and holding other gun owners accountable for bad behavior. Too many gun owners don't actually take the responsibility very seriously, I've seen all kinds of dumb behavior by so called enthusiasts. They give our community the bad rep too.

This is a consumer issue not an infringement issue. Americans have just come to expect to be able to buy new things at all times, but if you need a gun fast to save your life and your choice is between going to a gun store to buy a gun or calling the police, then call the police and rely on other self defense options. Let's get real here.

If you are concerned about this bill preventing your self defense, then go out today and invest in what you need, because quality kit lasts a long time and doesn't need to

be fancy. With almost 2,000 FFLs in Oregon, there is plenty of choice for guns and gear. Your right to self defense is fully intact and will remain so. But we have to find an improved system to fill in the gaps left by ATF.

Let's actually protect our 2A by opening our minds to all the different ways to end gun violence, trafficking, theft, and gun crime. We need strong sentencing for criminals, good education for our kids, training for new gun owners, and a good code of ethics and an enforcement strategy that actually works to hold bad gun dealers to account. Pass HB 3076.

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