

Submitter: Joshua Hull  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3076

To the members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Joshua Carlton Hull, a hardworking father , husband, son , and proud member of our community and I'm standing here today with a heavy heart, asking you to hear me—not just as a citizen, but as someone who feels the weight of this bill, HB 3076, pressing down on the very freedoms that make us who we are. I'm not a lobbyist or a politician. I'm just an Oregonian who loves this state, its people, and the rights we've fought so hard to protect.

This bill—it's not just words on a page to me. It's a shadow creeping over the lives of good, honest people. My family, my neighbors, the small business owners I know—they're not criminals. They're hunters, sport shooters, folks who want to protect their homes and loved ones in a world that feels less certain every day. And yet, HB 3076 treats them like suspects. It piles on rules and costs, threatening to choke out the small gun shops that are more than just stores—they're part of our communities. Places where people gather, share stories, and hold onto a way of life that's been ours for generations.

I think about my uncle, a man who taught me to shoot responsibly when I was a kid. He ran a little shop out in cottage grove , and it barely kept him afloat. The federal regulations were already a burden—he'd spend nights poring over paperwork just to stay compliant. If HB 3076 had been law back then, with its state licenses and training mandates, I don't think he'd have made it. That shop wasn't just his livelihood; it was his pride, his connection to us. This bill could erase places like that, and with them, pieces of our heritage.

I'm scared—not of guns, but of what this means for us. Layering more control on law-abiding people doesn't stop the violence we all want to end. It just punishes the ones who follow the rules, while the real threats slip through the cracks. I've seen the numbers—most guns at crime scenes don't come from these dealers. So why are we suffocating them? Why are we making it harder for people like me, who just want to exercise a right that's ours, not a privilege to be chipped away?

Please, think about the people behind this—parents, veterans, small business owners. We're not the enemy. We're your constituents, and we're begging you to see that HB 3076 doesn't make us safer—it makes us smaller. It takes away a piece of who we are, and I can't bear to watch that happen. I'm asking you, from the bottom of my heart, to vote no. Let us keep our rights, our businesses, our Oregon.

Thank you.