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As advocates for social justice and equitable policy, we must recognize that HB 3075 undermines the fundamental human right to self-defense while perpetuating systemic racism and disproportionately harming marginalized communities. While we share the goal of reducing violence, this legislation takes a regressive approach.

The substantial fee increase from \$65 to \$150 creates an economic barrier with clear racial implications. This continues America's troubling history of gun control measures that have racist origins and disproportionate impacts on Black and Brown communities. Historically, gun restrictions have been used to disarm racial minorities while privileged groups maintained access to protection.

The extended 60-day waiting period ignores the immediate protection needs of those facing racial violence, domestic abuse survivors, and other vulnerable populations. True progressive policy would address violence through community-based intervention programs, mental health resources, and economic opportunity—not by restricting rights.

Limiting legal challenges to Marion County centralizes power in ways that disadvantage communities of color, rural residents, and those without means to travel. This reinforces systemic inequities in our legal system. Justice should be accessible to all.

Instead of this legislation, we should invest in evidence-based violence prevention that addresses root causes of violence while respecting the autonomy and security needs of all Oregonians, especially those from historically marginalized communities.