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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

My name is Maria Faria, I am an Oregonian voter and live in Corvallis. I lost a family member and friends to self-inflicted gun injuries. The subject of gun violence is is painfully close. I've been for nearly 8 years advocating for improved gun laws in Oregon, with the goal of protecting us all from violence committed against others or self.

I helped collect signatures for ballot 114. Dnd during the process of collecting signatures in public places, I held many conversations with voters. Many gun owners I spoke with to agreed with the terms of the ballot measure, and the majority of Oregonians voted yes to its implementation.

Since it passed in 2022, the measure has been held in court, not by the choice of Oregonian voters, but by legal actions taken by lawyers representing the gun industry, which is the only beneficiary of lax gun laws. They have exhausted all appeals and failed to prove that the measure had legal holes or infringed constitutional rights.

Oregonings chose to improve firearm-related laws to increase the safety of our population. Opponents of HB 3507 who justify their opposition arguing that it infringes the 2nd amendment are misinformed and wrong. The courts have already made it clear that it doesn't

What HB 3075 does is to clarify definitions and issues necessary to a smooth Implementation of measure 114 by

- Lowering the burden on agents that will issue th permit by allowing them 60 days to processing
- Increasing the fee for application and renewal to cover costs of handling the process.
- Establishing the percentage of fees due to the Department of State Police, helping lift a potential financial burden to the Dept.
- Exempting active duty LEt and military from needing a permit =people who have training, know how to safely use and store firearms, have their firearms registered and legitimate reasons to carry them.

To the advantage to the applicants,

- Specifies where a person may apply for a permit, avoiding confusion.

- Specifies the court circuit where challenges can be initiated, avoiding confusion or delay.
- Clarifies that the information submitted on the request will be exempt from disclosure on public records -preserving privacy.
- Establishes alternatives to firearms training course to satisfy the requirement of proof of completion -facilitating the process
- Provides another year until permits are required for firearm transfers, and 2 years for specific firearms -allowing completions of planned transfers

To protection of all Oregonians,, gun owners and non gun owners equally, the clarification and improvements included on HB 3075 will assure that

- Users of firearms will be knowingly competent to use them
- Accidental shooting rates will be significantly lower
- Transfer will not be permitted under claims of “urgency” when research has shown acts of violence are more likely to occur against self and others.
- Verification of purchaser identity will eliminate, or at least significantly decrease “straw purchases”, which is on of the main mechanisms by which guns end up in the hands of criminals.
- Maintenance of records of transactions will help protect from another mechanism by which guns end up in the hands of unlawful buyers -persons with criminal records.

In summary, all measures on HB 3075 lead to saving lives of Oregonians while respecting the rights of gun owners who want to continue enjoying the hobby of owning gun while helping protect us all from guns in untrained and criminal hands. This is a common sense law that hurts no one and protects millions. This law will save lives!

I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 3075 and advance it to the floor.

Thank you for your consideration,
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