

Submitter: Jamie Britton
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Jamie Britton, and I am a proud union painter here in Oregon. As someone who works hard every day to provide for my family and contribute to our local economy, I feel a deep responsibility to stand up for what's right—especially when it comes to the safety and well-being of my community.

I am writing to strongly oppose HB3075. This measure would directly infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, like myself, who have a right to protect our homes, our families, and our communities. As a skilled tradesman, I work in a profession where physical labor and hard work are valued. But no amount of physical strength can match the vulnerability I feel when it comes to protecting myself and my loved ones from harm.

The reality is, criminals don't follow laws. That's what makes them criminals. If this bill passes, it will only disarm the good, responsible people of Oregon, leaving us more vulnerable to those who have no respect for the law. I, and many others in my community, use our legal right to own and carry firearms as a means of defense.

Taking that ability away would leave us helpless in the face of an attack.

Moreover, this bill impacts not just individuals like me, but all of us who value our ability to defend ourselves, our families, and our property. For the hard-working people of Oregon, the right to protect what we've earned and built is a fundamental part of our freedom. This measure would undermine that right, and it's hard to understand how it could possibly make us safer when the criminals it aims to target will continue to act outside the law.

I am also concerned about the broader impact on our communities. When people are denied the right to defend themselves, they are forced into a position of vulnerability.

This puts women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and other marginalized groups in even more danger. Everyone, regardless of gender, race, or background, deserves the ability to protect themselves from harm. We should be strengthening the rights of individuals to defend themselves, not stripping them away.

We've been told time and time again that we need to take responsibility for our own safety. It's one of the reasons I work hard in my union to provide for my family—because I believe in doing what's necessary to protect the people I love. HB3075 undermines that belief. It takes away the rights of people who are trying to do the right thing and who believe in the law.

I urge you to reconsider this measure. Please vote against HB3075 and stand with the hardworking, responsible citizens of Oregon who believe in the right to self-defense.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jamie Britton