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On Behalf Of:
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My name is Dana Kleinhesselink, I grew up in Medford Oregon and now live in Portland. I was unable to give virtual testimony during the committee hearing due to time, so am submitting this in writing. I am here with Moms Demand Action in support of HB 3075 to help implement the permit-to-purchase requirement of Measure 114.

I want to say thank you to the courageous people who shared their moving stories of how gun violence has affected them. Remember their stories. If the events that happened to them happened to you, wouldn't you do everything in your power to prevent this from happening to anyone else?

In 2022 I went out and collected dozens of signatures to put Measure 114 on the ballot from other parents at my son's daycare; from fellow alumni at my Willamette University reunion weekend; and from the retired teachers, librarians, and nurses my mom plays pickleball with in Medford.

I am so proud of my state for passing Measure 114 - a set of common sense regulations that make every person in this state safer. The permit-to-purchase requirement will reduce gun homicide and suicide. It will ensure that gun owners have been trained in basic safety practices. Responsible gun owners should be rejoicing that there will be a framework for creating safer gun owners in Oregon-- they're the good guys with guns, right? If you take your self defense very seriously, then go get this firearm training.

Members of the committee, you all have easy job to do - pass this bill so that the permit-to-purchase requirements and procedures of measure 114 are made explicit in writing and allow law enforcement to efficiently process permits. The courts have ruled that this is constitutional. We do not need to rehash this. The citizens of Oregon - all of us, including gun owners - deserve this protection. Thank you.