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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Representatives Kropf, Chotzen, Wallan, Andersen, Mannix, Chaichi, Lewis, and Tran,

I urge you to support HB 3076, particularly in light of the Oregon Appeals Court's recent ruling that Measure 114 does not violate Oregonians' rights to bear arms. As someone who grew up in 1970s Michigan, where I completed a hunter's safety course in sixth grade, I remember when firearms were treated with respect and primarily used for recreational hunting. Today, the situation is drastically different. I leave my home in Northeast Portland wondering if bullets might fly across parking lots or other public spaces. Weekly reports of gun-related fatalities, especially in Multnomah, Marion, and Jackson counties, have become disturbingly routine. I'm grateful my son grew up without the fear of school shootings that today's children face. This level of gun violence is neither normal nor acceptable, and responsible gun owners recognize the need for reasonable safeguards on firearm purchases.

As a physical therapist, I recognize the public health crisis before us. Healthcare data clearly shows alarmingly high suicide rates among veterans and youth in Oregon, partly attributable to quick, unrestricted access to firearms.

Creating clear implementation guidelines for Measure 114 through HB 3076 will help save lives and reduce confusion. I respectfully ask for your support of this crucial legislation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Weedall