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On Behalf Of:
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Testimony in Opposition to HB 3075

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jennifer Winsted, and I am a born-and-raised Oregonian, a small business owner, a mother of three, and a former high school cheerleading coach. Three years ago, my family and I made the heartbreaking decision to leave Oregon—a state we loved, where most of our family and friends still reside. One of the driving forces behind our decision was the continued erosion of our Second Amendment rights.

As a small-framed woman who spent years volunteering my time to coach and mentor young athletes in the Eugene area, I found myself in dangerous situations far too often. Whether it was walking to my car after late practices or ensuring the safety of my children and players at events, I faced moments where my personal safety was at risk. And yet, the very rights that would have allowed me to adequately protect myself and those in my care were being stripped away by misguided legislation.

My husband and I were avid outdoorsmen and responsible, law-abiding concealed handgun carriers. We embraced firearm ownership not just as a hobby, but as a fundamental right and responsibility. Watching our state chip away at those rights—through fearmongering, misinformation, and deceptive policies—made it clear that Oregon was no longer a place that valued the Constitution or the safety of its citizens.

HB 3075 is yet another step in the wrong direction. It punishes responsible gun owners while doing nothing to address crime or improve public safety. It fuels a dangerous narrative that disarms law-abiding citizens while empowering criminals. More and more families like mine are being forced to make an impossible choice—stay in a state that disregards their rights or leave behind everything they've known in search of a place that upholds the freedoms our Constitution guarantees.

Do not continue to push Oregon's citizens out by trampling on their fundamental rights. I strongly urge you to oppose HB 3075 and stand for the people who simply want to live, work, and protect their families in peace.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Winsted