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Testimony in Opposition to HB 3075

My name is Jeremiah Winsted. I am a husband, father, grandfather, and former Oregon resident who was deeply involved in the shooting sports industry. I worked for a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL), where I was responsible for processing 4473 forms daily. This experience put me on the front lines of our firearm regulations, and I saw firsthand the strict measures already in place to ensure that firearms were sold legally and responsibly. Contrary to the misinformation often pushed by politicians and anti-gun organizations, these laws are not lax. Everyone I worked with in the industry took this responsibility seriously, as did I.

Beyond my professional experience, I have personal knowledge of what it feels like to be helpless in the face of armed violence. I was the victim of an armed robbery at Central Oregon Oil in Redmond, Oregon. In that moment, I understood the devastating reality of being defenseless. It is an experience no law-abiding citizen should have to endure—especially when our right to self-defense is enshrined in the Constitution.

As Oregon continued down a path of stripping away those rights, I could no longer stand by and watch my family's safety deteriorate. I refused to raise my children and grandchildren in a state that punishes responsible gun owners while criminals continue to thrive under weak enforcement policies. The blatant misrepresentation from government officials and the dishonest advocacy of nonprofits—who exploit tragedies for political and financial gain—became too much to tolerate. That is why I made the difficult decision to relocate my family and business to Montana, a state where constitutional values are still upheld, and where we have the opportunity to fight for our freedoms.

HB 3075 is just another attempt to disarm law-abiding citizens under the false promise of safety. It does nothing to stop violent criminals but instead penalizes those who simply want to protect themselves and their families. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill and start focusing on policies that target crime—not constitutional rights.

Sincerely,
Jeremiah Winsted
Former Oregon Resident & Shooting Sports Industry Professional