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

Subject: Opposition to House Bill 3075

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 3075, which, while intended to address public safety concerns, raises significant civil rights and equity issues. As Oregon continues to lead in progressive values, firearm legislation must align with racial and economic justice, government transparency, and civil liberties.

House Bill 3075 presents several concerns:

1. Barriers to Low-Income and Marginalized Communities – Raising firearm permit fees to \$150 for an initial application and \$110 for renewal disproportionately affects low-income individuals. Creating financial roadblocks to legal gun ownership exacerbates inequalities, reinforcing a system where only the wealthy can afford self-defense.

2. Discretionary Permitting Increases Racial Bias Risks – HB 3075 gives law enforcement unchecked authority over firearm permits without independent oversight. Discretionary permitting disproportionately impacts racial minorities due to subjective determinations of risk. Transparency and accountability in the permitting process are essential to preventing bias.

3. Potential Violations of Constitutional Protections – HB 3075 includes an ex post facto provision banning possession of large-capacity magazines legally purchased after December 2022. Retroactively criminalizing individuals for previously legal actions undermines the rule of law and sets a dangerous precedent.

4. Restricting Legal Challenges to a Single Court – HB 3075 mandates that any legal challenge must be filed exclusively in Marion County Circuit Court, limiting access to justice. This restriction centralizes power and curtails diverse judicial perspectives, favoring the state's interests over citizens' rights.

5. Lack of Funding & Burdening Citizens with Training Costs – The bill imposes new regulations but lacks dedicated funding for enforcement, oversight, or community outreach. Additionally, the cost of required firearm training is shifted onto citizens, making legal gun ownership even more difficult for working-class Oregonians.

6. Circumventing the Facial Challenge to Ballot Measure 114 Under the Oregon Constitution – HB 3075 seeks to enact new firearm restrictions while Ballot Measure 114 remains under a facial challenge regarding its constitutionality under the Oregon Constitution. Preempting this legal process disregards judicial review and due process.

7. Focus on Root Causes, Not Criminalization – Oregon has prioritized community-based violence prevention, mental health support, and restorative justice programs. However, HB 3075 shifts focus to punitive measures that disproportionately impact

overpoliced communities. Investing in mental health services, community violence intervention, and economic opportunities would be more effective at improving public safety.

Democrats in Oregon have long championed civil rights, racial justice, and equitable governance. While reducing gun violence is a shared goal, policies must not inadvertently harm the communities they intend to protect. I urge you to reconsider HB 3075 and work toward solutions prioritizing fairness, transparency, and real safety for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.