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I strongly oppose this bill.

Aside from the very clear language of the Oregon and United States' Constitutions, contemporary Supreme Court rulings have affirmed that many modern gun control efforts are, frankly, unlawful.

Between the Heller decision in 2008, affirming that the right to bear arms is an individual right, and the Bruen decision in 2022 cementing firearm legislation must be based in the history and tradition of similar laws of controlling arms, HB 3075 is unconstitutional.

The Harney County decision in the state level lawsuit challenging Measure 114, the twin measure to HB 3075, was correct in enjoining that law. The parallel federal case challenging Measure 114 awaits the 9th Circuit Court's opinion on a similar California case before the court now.

I hold no illusions that my written testimony in opposition to this bill will be wholly discarded. I rest easily knowing that the individual right to keep and bear arms has been so sturdily reinforced by recent decisions at the highest court. The Oregon legislature may try and impede on the individual liberties of lawful gun owners, and waste their tax dollars in court defending their laws, but ultimately it will be folly.