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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Honorable Oregon Legislators, I am writing today as a proud Veteran and resident of Oregon to express my opinion on HB3075 and how I believe that this bill will not accomplish the improvement in public safety that is claimed.

First consider that using a firearm in a manner to harm someone (not in self-defense) is already illegal and people who commit such crimes are criminals. Therefore, any restrictions that are placed on purchasing a firearm or requiring training will not stop criminals from doing bad things. Firearms will always be available to the criminal element regardless of any restrictions. Case in point, look at cities like Chicago, New York, and Washington DC which are cities with some of the strictest firearm regulations, much stricter than Oregon regulations, and yet they still have gun violence that is far worse than Oregon. Why haven't their regulations worked? It is because **CRIMINALS DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW.**

This bill has several factors that only infringe on the law abiding citizens who want to be able to protect themselves. Let's look at the factors that I believe cause infringement.

First, Consider the fact that the bill takes affect immediately and the required training classes do not exist, nor do the trained/certified instructors.

Second, the initial background check is redundant because the same background check is completed at the point of sale. Not to forget the FBI has already stated that they would not comply with the additional NICS checks.

Third, the Oregon courts may have deemed that the bill does not violate the Oregon constitution, and that may be true. However, by virtue of the restrictions within the bill the second Amendment is violated because of the infringement imposed.

In closing, all of these factors significantly increase the cost and time required to legally purchase a firearm, which inherently amounts to infringement and harassment.

I urge you to **NOT PASS** this bill. This type of legislation does not represent the sane American of my oath to protect and defend.

Thank you for your time.

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