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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I am an Oregon voter and I support HB3075-1. Please pass HB 3075-1 out of committee without delay so it is ready, as soon as the court's stay is lifted, for full implementation of Measure 114. Measure 114 was born out of the basement of my church when I was just a teenager and the organizing was in response to the rallying of high school youth in response to the Parkland shooting. After 4 years of work volunteering to gather signatures for the initiative petition and campaign for votes, Oregonians agreed with our position that reduction of gun violence is a public health and safety necessity, and passed Measure 114 to accomplish this.

HB 3075-1 will help ensure a smoother and more rapid implementation of Measure 114. I helped get Measure 114 on the ballot as a teenager and voted for it as an adult. It's past time to take this one step to get it smoothly implemented this session.

Studies show that permits to purchase, like the one in Measure 114, will reduce homicides and suicides in Oregon. This is an issue I care deeply about as a queer person who's intimately aware of the high rates of suicide in our community, and as a feminist who has viewed gun control as an issue of reducing the chances of domestic violence becoming deadly for some years now. These are losses I grieve deeply in part because they are preventable, and one major part of that is through common-sense gun regulation which prevents people from purchasing a gun in a near-instantaneous manner to take an action which cannot be undone in the heat of high emotion. HB-3075-1 will help save the lives of vulnerable people. Please pass this bill.