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House Judiciary Members

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3075, which proposes significant changes to the firearm permit provisions established by Ballot Measure 114 (2022). As a concerned citizen and advocate for responsible gun ownership, I believe this bill introduces unnecessary and burdensome regulations that infringe upon the rights of law-abiding Oregonians.

Extending the permit issuance period from 30 to 60 days places an undue burden on applicants who are already subject to rigorous background checks and training requirements. This extended waiting period could leave individuals defenseless in situations where timely access to a firearm is crucial for personal protection. Additionally, the \$160 fee for both initial applications and renewals disproportionately affects lower socioeconomic groups and people of color (POC). This financial barrier is particularly detrimental to single mothers who need the ability to protect their families. Such fees effectively price out those who may need firearms for self-defense the most.

Backdating the law is an example of "ex post facto" legislation, which is illegal under both the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution. This retroactive punishment is fundamentally unfair and risks being struck down in court. Furthermore, making legal challenges to this bill only permissible in Marion County places an undue hardship on residents of eastern Oregon and nullifies their voices. This restriction limits access to justice and disproportionately affects those living far from Salem.

The unprecedented expansion of the database of permit holders, including the collection and maintenance of extensive personal information, raises significant privacy concerns. This expansion will lead to potential misuse or unauthorized access to sensitive data, further eroding public trust in the system. This sets a dangerous precedent for government surveillance of private citizens. Law-abiding Oregonians should not have to be registered like criminals simply for exercising their constitutional rights. The -1 amendment to HB 3075 also modifies language related to so-called "large-capacity" magazines, reinforcing the arbitrary limit of ten rounds. This provision is yet another attempt to disarm responsible citizens while criminals, who do not follow these laws, remain unaffected.

In conclusion, House Bill 3075 imposes unnecessary restrictions and financial burdens on responsible gun owners while failing to address the root causes of gun

violence. I urge you to consider the negative implications of this bill and vote against its passage. Instead, I encourage the legislature to focus on measures that enhance public safety without infringing upon the constitutional rights of Oregonians.

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