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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I strongly oppose HB 3075 due to several significant and concerning issues:

1. **Excessive Discretion for Law Enforcement:** The proposed legislation grants law enforcement agencies an undue and expansive degree of discretion in determining who qualifies for a firearm permit. By replacing an objective, transparent system with such broad authority, the bill opens the door to inconsistent and potentially biased decision-making.

2. **Discriminatory Consequences:** History has demonstrated that similar policies in other states have led to discriminatory denials of permits, disproportionately affecting communities of color and individuals from lower-income backgrounds. This bill threatens to perpetuate these unjust outcomes, further restricting access to a fundamental constitutional right for marginalized groups.

3. **Financial Barriers to Constitutional Rights:** HB 3075 imposes substantial fees—potentially as high as \$150 for a permit, along with additional costs for background checks, training, and renewals. These financial burdens create a formidable obstacle to gun ownership, particularly for working-class Oregonians, people of color, and other vulnerable populations.

4. **Retroactive Criminalization of Legally Purchased Magazines:** Under this bill, Oregonians who legally purchased magazines with capacities over 10 rounds—prior to this law’s potential passage—would suddenly find themselves in violation of the law. This retroactive criminalization directly contravenes the Ex Post Facto Clause of both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions. It is unjust to punish individuals for actions that were legal at the time.

5. **Wasting Taxpayer Resources:** Given the likelihood that HB 3075 will face costly legal challenges and be overturned—following the fate of similar laws in other states—Oregon taxpayers will ultimately bear the financial burden of defending a law with an uncertain future. Such an outcome would be an unnecessary waste of public funds.