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My name is Kristian C Smart and I am a responsible Oregon gun owner, business owner and father of 4. I am testifying on behalf of all currant and future Oregonian firearms owners. HB 3075 and Measure 114 will hurt more good people then it may help. It would make may, if not all, firearms owners in this great state criminals themself. It will limit good people from potential life saving self protection, in the case of domestic abuse, stalking, assault or other malicious intent toward a person. It would also impact shooting sports like USPSA/IPSC and others that many Oregonians enjoy.

I feel motivated to testify in this case because I quite enjoy and know many people personally that participate and enjoy shooting sports. Or in my case, defense of my young family. Firearms are a tool like may other things we use on a daily basis and misuse is a personal choice. Limiting the availability of a tool does not reduce the chance of misuse it only increases the chance that a good person may not have the tool at their disposal in a time of need. Beyond all that, limiting a free people from the right to keep and bear arms goes against the Constitution of the United States and yes requiring a permit changes a right into a privilege.

I strongly urge all to oppose this bill and measure. Its unconstitutional, unfair, and unjust. Instead of trying to take good peoples rights away from them I believe we should spend more time trying to increase awareness about firearms and firearms safety. Don't make it a taboo topic, make it common like it once was. Teach young people about the benefits of a well armed society and teach them proper firearms safety. Be focused on education not demonization.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, I sincerely hope you do and consider not letting good people have their rights stripped from them for no good reason.