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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

To the Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I strongly oppose House Bill 3075, which modifies and expands the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022). While presented as a measure to enhance public safety, this legislation oversteps into the rights of law-abiding Oregonians, imposes undue burdens, and fails to address the root causes of violence. I urge you to reject this bill for the following reasons.

First, HB3075 infringes upon the constitutional rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. The expanded permit process, including a prolonged 60-day waiting period and increased fees, creates significant barriers to exercising a fundamental right. These requirements disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens—particularly those with limited financial resources—while doing little to deter criminals who, by definition, do not comply with permitting laws.

Second, the bill's provisions lack evidence of effectiveness. Extending the approval timeline from 30 to 60 days and doubling the maximum allowable fees does not address illegal firearm use, which is the primary driver of gun-related crime. Instead, it punishes responsible individuals seeking to protect themselves and their families. Historical data consistently shows that such restrictive measures fail to reduce violence, as they target the compliant rather than the lawless.

Third, HB3075 undermines due process and local control. By designating specific courts for legal challenges—potentially those less favorable to gun owners—it tilts the judicial playing field and restricts access to fair hearings. Additionally, the emergency clause prevents citizens from challenging the law through referendum, silencing the voice of the people on an issue of profound importance.

Oregonians have already expressed significant opposition to similar measures, as seen in the legal battles surrounding Measure 114 and the public feedback on HB3075 itself. This bill not only revives a contested policy but exacerbates its flaws, adding layers of bureaucracy and cost without delivering meaningful safety improvements.

I implore you to consider the rights and needs of your constituents. Reject HB3075 and focus instead on solutions that target actual criminal behavior, not the liberties of the law-abiding. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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