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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on House Bill 3075 (HB 3075) due to its potential for discriminatory enforcement, disproportionate impacts on marginalized communities, and serious constitutional concerns. While I support efforts to improve public safety, this bill risks furthering systemic inequities and creating barriers to the rights of law-abiding Oregonians, particularly people of color, lower income individuals, and members of the LGBTQ community.

I have not seen a time where trying to turn a right into a privilege has even ended well for any people around the globe. Not only is this a very dangerous thing to try and pass but paves the way to turn other rights into privileges, are we going to start requiring people to have permits to peacefully protest, are we going to start requiring permits to practice religious beliefs, are going to start to require permits for people to vote, are we going to start requiring permits for a fair trial, are we going to start requiring permits to be safe in our homes or places of work, where does it end? When you start turning a right into a privilege it creates a dangerous precedent that other rights can be taken away and made to pay for.

As for the magazine ban of 11 rounds or more, I provide this question.
If the claim is that a citizen defending themselves or others that may possibly be untrained doesn't need more than 10 rounds, than why would law enforcement who is trained need more than 10 rounds to defend themselves or others?

Yet the thing I hear from law enforcement is that they need more than 10 rounds to protect themselves or others because the criminals may have more than 10 rounds, and to add more to that, on average most offices and departments state they need at least 15 to 30 rounds per magazine for the officers to properly protect themselves. Now if an officer who is a member of law enforcement and is trained needs more than 10 rounds and as many as 30 rounds per magazine to protect themselves or others, why would your average citizen who may possibly not be trained only need 10 rounds? Is an untrained citizen a better shot than a trained officer?

This exemption that is given to law enforcement is also given to private companies, why does a private company need to have an exemption to the law? Are they still not private citizens? Are they still not members of law enforcement?

As for those that are claiming that they are representing the voice of all Oregon citizens and the will of the people, I ask this simple question. How is it that of those in support of HB3075 and M114 are disproportionately coming from the Portland area. While those who are opposed to HB3075 and M114 are coming from all across the state and from all different walks of life.

I took the time to read a large number of those in support and those against HB3075 and M114 and I found a disturbing trend. While those oppose to HB3075 and M114 based their objections on facts, personal beliefs, political stance, established laws, court rulings and lack of enforcement of current laws. I found that those in support of HB3075 and M114 had largely and vastly used a copy and pasted statement that had no bases in fact, beliefs, politics, law, court rulings, or enforcement of current laws. It was merely a demand that it be passed with no explanation or reason. Some even demanded that it be passed simply because they worked on trying to get it on the ballot. A claim was even made that money outside of Oregon was being used to oppose HB3075 and M114 while ignoring the fact that money outside Oregon was being used to support HB3075 and M114. This type of targeting of opposition while turning a blind eye to yours as long as it supports your goals is dangerous and is a clear danger to Oregon. It is also clear from the number of testimonies given that the number of Oregonians opposed to both HB3075 and M114 is greater than those who are in favor who are simply demanding it be done, like a child having a tantrum.