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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I strongly oppose Oregon HB 3075. This bill imposes undue limitations on us, the law-abiding citizens of this state, jeopardizing our ability to defend ourselves, our families, and our property. It creates an indefensible disparity between the protective rights of law enforcement and civilians.

The assumption underlying this bill—that we do not need magazines exceeding 10 rounds for self-defense—fails to account for the reality of violent crime. HB 3075 implicitly allows law enforcement to carry magazines with greater capacity, acknowledging that such tools are necessary for their protection. Denying us access to the same tools relegates the citizens of this state to a second-class status in matters of personal security, and puts forward the notion that our right to self-defense is not as important as theirs. Violent confrontations are not exclusive to law enforcement, and for this purpose, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution affirms “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

HB 3075 knowingly places us, law-abiding citizens, at a disadvantage while failing to enhance public safety. Criminals—who, by definition, do not follow the law—will not be deterred by such restrictions and will leave only responsible citizens more vulnerable. I urge you to reject this bill and prioritize solutions that do not restrict the freedoms of the responsible citizens of this state.