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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

To the Committee Members:

I am an Oregon voter and I strongly support HB 3075-1. As someone who has experienced the devastating impact of gun violence firsthand, I urge you to pass this bill out of committee without delay so it is ready for full implementation of Measure 114 as soon as the court's stay is lifted.

In September 2018, my fiancé Shane Colombo was killed by gun violence within 30 minutes of arriving at our new home in Chicago. He was a brilliant researcher on his way to begin his doctoral program at Northwestern, where he planned to work with youth at risk for mental illness. His life and all the good he would have brought to the world were cut short by a stray bullet.

Since that day, I have dedicated myself to preventing other families from experiencing this unimaginable loss. I know that common-sense measures like permit-to-purchase requirements save lives. Studies consistently show that these policies reduce both homicides and suicides - outcomes that represent real people, real families, real futures preserved.

Measure 114 represents the will of Oregon voters who want to reduce gun violence in our communities. HB 3075-1 will help ensure a smoother and more rapid implementation of this important measure. Every day of delay means more lives potentially lost to preventable gun violence.

I ask you to honor the memory of Shane and countless other victims by moving this legislation forward without delay. It's time to begin saving lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vicente Colores-Chalmers
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