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My name is Melody Adams, I am resident of Oregon and have been since December 2004. I chose Oregon as my home because it is, quite frankly, one of the most beautiful locations in our great United States. I am also a strong supporter of our constitution and everything it stands for, including our United States Constitution and most specifically our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. In November 2022 I voted against Measure 114 which was a gross infringement on the rights of Oregonians to enjoy their rights given under the United States Constitution; that measure passed, and I subsequently supported the appeals against that measure. And now I stand against HB 3075 which is intended to give life to the details outlined in Measure 114.

Today I give testimony today in opposition to HB 3075.

While I recognize and sympathize with those people who brought for the Measure 114 and who support HB 3075 based on their concerns over violence committed by people using firearms I do not agree nor support their method for addressing those violent acts. The bill does NOTHING to address the root cause of the violence which is a declining mental health of our citizens. The rise in drug use (see the disaster of Measure 110 which was subsequently repealed), the rise in social contagions in social media, and the lack of any support and help for those in mental distress are the cause of these violent acts, not the tool these sick people chose.

#### FAILINGS OF THE BILL

1. Permit to Purchase
  - a. Requiring more government oversight and more government involvement has literally NEVER resulted in any activity or process to improve.
  - b. There is no system in place at the moment that would allow a single citizen to apply for a permit to purchase, thereby taking away the rights given to us under the US Constitution.
  - c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is our permit to purchase and own a firearm in the United States. The State of Oregon does not have the power to dismiss, reject, remove, or otherwise infringe on that right. PERIOD.
  - d. I will be required to show my ID to apply for a permit but you do not require me to show my ID to vote. This conflicting practice on its face is ludicrous =.
2. Banning 'Large-Capacity' Magazines
  - a. Banning magazines w/ a capacity greater than 10 will IMMEDIATELY turn law abiding citizens into felons with your stroke of a pen.
  - b. On top of demonizing law abiding citizens for purchases they made prior to Measure 114 or after Measure 114 while it was NOT ENACTED you choose to BACK DATE when a citizen would be considered in violation and putting the proof of innocence on the owner. This is a "guilty until proven innocent" which is a gross violation of our Constitutional rights in this country.
  - c. Law abiding gun owners will now be considered criminals for using the safe and legal firearms we currently own because they come with a STANDARD magazine that holds more than 10 rounds. It is quite clear the authors of this poorly written

Measure and HB have never gone to the gun range for practice because they would know that using small capacity magazines is not conducive to improving firearms competency, small capacity magazines are annoying and large capacity magazines DO NOT POSE GREATER DANGER TO ANYONE.

- d. My right to protect and defend myself is granted to me by my creator and it is not the right, nor the capacity of a government to take that away.
3. Background Checks
    - a. Requiring and enforcing background checks will not do a single thing to stop violent crime by gun. Not a single criminal who is intent on killing or injuring someone using a firearm will be stopped because of a background check.
    - b. I turn you to FACTS in support of the absurdity that background checks will stop killers.
      - i. Brooks, Connor, Background Checks for Firearm Transfers, 2019–2020, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Bureau of Justice Statistics (November 7, 2023) <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/background-checks-firearm-transfers-20192020>.
  4. Limiting Location of Hearings for Appeals
    - a. Measure 114 was passed by a few counties in this state and was driven by OUT OF STATE money specifically CA, WA, NY. The greater population of this state is now being punished by people who know little to NOTHING about firearms except that they scare them.
    - b. Requiring that any appeals be restricted to ONLY Marion County puts an undue burden on those in Southern and Eastern Oregon to participate in this process.
    - c. There is no sound reasoning for limiting any hearings of appeal on this bill to JUST Marion County except that the intent is to ensure that the few elite in Portland and Eugene are granted the privilege of having any hearings in their immediate backyard.

I reiterate my position of OPPOSITION to HB 3075.