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I write to formally oppose House Bill 3075 (2025), a measure that amends the already burdensome firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114. As a law-abiding Oregonian who values liberty and accountability, I see this bill as a clear overstep another layer of government control that tramples on our rights and dodges the real fight against crime. This isn't about cost; it's about principle, freedom, and results. Here's why HB 3075 must be stopped.

First, this bill doubles down on a flawed system. Measure 114's permit-to-purchase scheme already shackles citizens with red tape background checks beyond federal standards, mandatory training, and law enforcement approval. HB 3075 tweaks this mess without fixing its core problem: it's an unconstitutional hurdle between me and my Second Amendment rights. The feds already run NICS checks through licensed dealers why pile on a state system that assumes I'm a threat until proven otherwise? This isn't safety; it's bureaucracy run amok.

Second, it's an assault on liberty, plain and simple. The right to bear arms isn't up for debate it's carved into the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions. HB 3075 tightens the chokehold, making it harder for good people to defend themselves and their families. I'm not here to beg for permission to exercise what's mine; I'm here to demand you back off. Every added step every tweak to Measure 114 chips away at that foundation. If you think criminals wait for permits, you're dead wrong, and I'll be damned if I'm left defenseless because of it.

Third, this bill's a paper tiger when it comes to crime. Gun violence is real—nobody disputes that—but HB 3075 doesn't touch the root. Illicit guns don't come from guys like me jumping through hoops at the sheriff's office; they come from black markets and back-alley deals. The state's own data backs this up: legal permit holders aren't the problem. So why waste time tightening screws on the compliant while the real threats run loose? It's a distraction, not a solution, and Oregon deserves better than feel-good nonsense that leaves us exposed.

You're elected to protect us, not to bog us down with rules that miss the mark. HB 3075 isn't just unnecessary it's an affront to every citizen who respects the law and expects the same from their government. Kill this bill. Focus on the criminals, not the law-abiding. Anything less sells out our rights and our safety.

Respectfully,
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