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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Oregon Senator

The United States 2nd Amendment states a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." HB3075 infringers on this right as a citizen.

Citizens should not have to pay thousands of dollars to apply for a permit to possess a firearm. Further more I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3075 due to the absence of a financial impact statement. Any legislation that could have significant economic consequences should undergo a thorough fiscal analysis before being considered. Without a clear understanding of the potential costs to taxpayers, businesses, and local governments, it is irresponsible to move forward with this bill.

If a person successfully passes a background check they have the right to own a firearm. Capacity limitations are not going to prevent a person from killing an individual if that is their intention. Guns do not kill people, people with the intent to kill will kill with or without a firearm.

The Oregon's constitution also provides a right to bear arms. Article 1, Section 27, of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

Now Oregon is not upholding the constitution to our right to bear arms.

This bill infringes on my rights to be able to protect my family and my right to bear arms. This is taking away the rights of Oregonians. The government is to meet the needs of the people. The obligation to protect requires States to protect individuals and groups against human rights abuses. The obligation to fulfill means that States must take positive action to facilitate the enjoyment of basic human rights.

This is stripping my family of their basic human rights. This is not fulfilling a positive action to facilitate my human rights. This is jeopardizing my freedom to own a firearm and protect my family and my property. We live in a rural community off of the i5 interstate and have numerous people who are not welcome on our property trespass and it takes law enforcement time to get to our residence when called. I am a woman who is home alone the majority of the time, I should not have to stress whether or not I am going to have enough bullets loaded in my magazine when I need to defend myself and my children. This is stripping away my security of knowing that I can protect myself and land when the time comes. 3075 is also stripping me of my right to go to the store and purchase a firearm which is my right as an Oregonian and as a United States citizen. Oregon stop trying to take away our freedoms and control our 2nd amendment rights. We the people hired you to do a job, and that is to serve the people and their best interests. Not take away their right to protection.

In closing fiscal transparency is essential for good governance, and passing legislation without fully assessing its financial implications risks unintended burdens on Oregonians. I urge you to oppose HB 3075 until a comprehensive financial impact statement is provided and reviewed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Casey Opheim