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HB3075

I'm writing in opposition of HB 3075. As a law abiding gun owner with my CHL license, I decided to purchase a handgun that carries 13 rounds. I purchased a gun for personal protection and the protection of my family. I was born and raised in East Multnomah County, it was always a place that I considered fairly safe. In 2022 there were TWO separate drive by shootings in my parents SW Gresham neighborhood. Come to find out, the tenants renting the house were known criminals part of a larger organization. The bullets that were shot from the neighboring house entered my neighbors walls, right near where her children sleep. Several bullets also hit our vehicle parked outside. Police were called and they were unable to enter the home, they couldn't even check for survivors or if anyone was inside the house. These same people returned home days later and continued to rent the house and use drugs out of the home. These people owned guns that were of large capacity - these people are criminals. They did not obtain these guns legally. Criminals will find a way to get guns regardless of the law. If these criminals want to commit a mass murder, they will not be using a handgun like mine that holds thirteen bullets. What Oregon defines as "High Capacity" is the furthest thing from the truth. Though I have taken classes, and practice safety with my firearm there may be a time that I need more than ten rounds. I also live in rural Oregon, where wolves, bears and mountain lions live. At a time where crime is rampant in a place like Portland, with property crimes, hate crimes and even gang violence on the rise, creating a law that only harms law abiding citizens is NOT the answer. We know measure 114 narrowly passed and with the continued increase in crimes I truly believe it would NOT pass today. It may seem like the will of the people but it is NOT. We need to protect ourselves because the government, especially that of Portland Police, Gresham Police and Multnomah County sheriff has FAILED to protect us, several times. I ask that you oppose HB 3075 - thank you!