

Date: March 19, 2025

To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Isaac Clayton

Re: Comments Related to HB 3075

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

My name is Isaac Clayton. I am a gun-owning Democrat who supports evidence-based solutions to gun violence that do not unduly restrict the rights of responsible firearm owners. I believe in practical, effective policies that address the root causes of violence while respecting constitutional rights.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3075. While intended as a revision of Measure 114, this bill still contains provisions that are overly burdensome, inequitable, and unlikely to meaningfully reduce gun violence.

One of the most problematic aspects of HB 3075 is its continued restrictions on large-capacity magazines. The bill provides no realistic way to track or enforce compliance, particularly for magazines purchased before implementation. Law-abiding gun owners who already own these magazines are unfairly burdened, while individuals intent on committing violent crimes are unlikely to comply. The result is a law that disproportionately impacts responsible citizens while doing little to deter actual gun-related violence.

Moreover, this bill fails to address the fundamental causes of gun violence. Firearm-related crime and suicide are symptoms of broader social issues, including economic instability, lack of mental health resources, and failures in our criminal justice system. Regulating firearms themselves without addressing these root causes is both ineffective and unjust. If we are serious about reducing gun violence, we should focus legislative efforts on suicide prevention, domestic violence intervention, and community-based violence reduction programs—strategies that have been proven to work.

Rather than placing additional restrictions on lawful gun owners, I urge you to shift focus to policies that tackle the real drivers of violence in our communities. I strongly urge the committee to reject HB 3075 in its current form and instead pursue measures that will have a meaningful and lasting impact on public safety.

Sincerely,

Isaac Clayton