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Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee members:

It is time for our law-makers to stand up and do something positive about the violence by guns inflicted on America's citizens. It is too easy to become disinterested and distracted but it is now the time to do something positive.
1. #700: Back ground checks are essential to keep guns out of the hands of a criminal element as well as mentally incapacitated people
2. #347: There should never be guns in the schools. Ignore the NRA and its recommendations for making schools safe. That's pure nonsense...(I could use a stronger word but I won't). It is a sad commentary on our times and our country that we feel we must respond to problems with a violent means.
3. #699: Carrying concealed weapons....keep them out of sight while in a public place. Personally I'm against concealed handguns but I will accept #699
4. 796: Concealed hand gun firing range test. This is excellent but should be expanded to anyone buying a gun. They need to exhibit competence and have liability insurance. I would like to see these two added to the legislation but at least do the minimal of requiring a firing range test.

You can sit and do nothing and keep Oregonians hostage to violence and inadequate laws or you can start doing something positive for society. Please remember those precious adults and children that have lost their lives just this year alone. Stand up and be counted for something good