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To: DeJong Annola
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Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members,

My name is Owen Mitz and I live in Deschutes County, Oregon, just outside of the city of Bend.

I urge you to adopt SB 700 which will close the private sale loophole that allows dangerous people to purchase guns. This is a practical measure that will increase public safety. Lawful gun owners have nothing to fear when this measure is passed as their ability to purchase and own guns is not compromised with no 2nd amendment infringement. Public safety should be the overriding concern.

I also urge you to adopt SB 347 which will give school districts the ability to prohibit guns in Oregon public schools K-12 grade. Taking this decision to the local level is a very responsible way to handle this concern in the face of wide skepticism about the efficacy of having guns in schools to protect students and adults from gun incidents.

There is much more Oregon needs to do to strengthen its gun laws, but these two measures would be an adequate start. I hope you will inform yourself about the gun legislation that the state of Connecticut has just passed. Do we have to wait for a “Newtown” or "Columbine" in Oregon before we complete the work needed to be done here in our state?

Thank You.

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