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Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members
As a new US citizen who has been a resident of Washington County, OR for 13 years I am writing to strongly advocate for the above three senate bills. Clearly the lawmakers in the state and nationwide have to provide leadership to make it harder for guns to fall into the wrong hands. The atrocious violence that leaves almost 30,000 Americans dead every year must be stopped. These three bills represent a start along the road to this goal. Widespread public support for government to act has evolved over the last 18 months with the numerous gun-related tragedies. Anger is still growing in the community at the lack of action showed by elected leaders. While previously elected officials may have had to fear the NRA, or other minorities that represent the gun industry, attention should now turn to the voting majority. Polls show a clear majority favor measures to reduce gun violence. Please vote to adopt these bills and prevent further innocent blood loss.
Yours faithfully
Stephen M. Smith