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I am a social worker in the nonprofit sector, specializing in crisis management with behavioral as well as at-risk youth and their families. Gun violence is a very serious and persistent crisis in our nation, but not enough is being done to help prevent said violence. We owe it to future generations to change this trend before it gets any worse.

One of the most important, under addressed, and vulnerable demographics regarding gun violence is children. Our society places so much emphasis on teaching children safety rules and regulations with catchy phrases and pneumatic devices; safety around firearms education seems like a glaring oversight.

I believe in our country's and our people's Second Amendment rights, however it is our obligation to accept the responsibility for proper firearm awareness and education. "Stop. Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown up," is a remarkably simple and potentially a game changing effort in the gun violence prevention movement.

I would be remiss if I didn't advocate for Senate Bill 801. I believe we could, and should be doing so much more to address this crucial issue. The change will not happen overnight, and there will most certainly be barriers along the way, but this program is Oregon's opportunity to start moving forward.

Americans have to initiate change somehow and somewhere; we as Oregonians have the chance to to act now and lead others into following in our course. The generations to come will look back on this moment, and they should be able to say that we committed ourselves to the cause. Please support and dedicate yourselves to making this incredible idea a reality, thank you.

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