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This email strongly seeks your support in passing SB801.

Clearly, given the myriad of existing gun laws we already have, simply passing countless more gun laws is not going to keep our Oregonian children safe any more than the existing gun laws serve to stop criminals. We HAVE to do something different. The definition of insanity is to keep doing the same thing and expect different results. Let's be smart about our children's future and vote in favor of SB801.

We know education works! Phony, non-scientific studies only serve to discredit the Oregonian education system which has served hundreds of thousands of children, probably some of yourselves included, into a successful, knowledgeable, and productive adulthood. It's time to build upon the proven benefits of education with SB801. It's time to empower our children with knowledge of how to remain safe and respond appropriately should they come across an unsecured firearm. It's time not to rely on laws that criminals ignore when it comes to our children's safety. It's time to optimize alternative resources available to us, and utilize the existing educational structure we have in place to provide effective safety education for children, because ZERO FIREARM accidents is the only ACCEPTABLE GOAL!

Still need convincing? Think of it this way. When you get in your car, do you solely rely on the seat belt for your safety needs? Of course not! You have air bags, side impact protection system, and KNOWLEDGE of how to safely navigate the roads and other vehicles. And so it is with our children's safety. We would be failing them as the adults to not provide them with the knowledge, such that if all other options do not prevail, they understand and are empowered to remain safe in the presence of an unsecured firearm.

I implore you to pass SM801 today!

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~Lisa