

As the mother of a teenager, I am writing to urge you to support HB 2510.

An estimated 54% of gun owners do not lock up all of their firearms and as a result, every year nearly 350 American children under the age of 18 gain access to a gun and unintentionally shoot themselves or others. Youth suicide is a growing problem in Oregon, and access to a firearm greatly increases the chance of a fatal outcome in the event of a suicide attempt. Furthermore, the lack of a safe storage law contributed to more than 22,000 firearms being stolen in Oregon over the past 10 years. HB 2510 would help prevent gun trafficking.

By requiring gun owners to secure their firearms when not in use, HB 2510 would save lives by preventing unauthorised firearm access by children and other people who pose a risk to themselves or others. Please support HB 2510.

Thank you