

An educator in Salem high schools since 1986, I've helped students through drills in case of fire, earthquake, and active shooter. With the latter, students invariably ask/demand to know WHY this is necessary. They cannot imagine why our government does not restrict gun ownership and access, limit ownership to licensed hunters and basic home security by those who will store and use their weapons safely. Since 2004 I have also taught a class each term at Chemeketa Community College. There, students are often adults and sometimes gun owners themselves. Still the same questions, the same concerns, and more anger. I write today as an educator, a parent, and now the parent of an educator. I write in strong support of HB 2543, closing the illogical Charleston Loophole in Oregon. I write in support of the Senate bill which will regulate ghost guns and all parts which are used to build them. I write demanding safer schools, supporting SB 554 to keep guns out of schools, off college campuses, and empower local officials in making wise, careful, experienced public safety decisions. We as Oregonians should be able to feel confident in a government which requires Secure Storage, careful background checks, and gun regulations which keep us safe.