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Please support HB2006 which raises the age of purchase or possession of firearms to 21 while simultaneously protecting access for people younger than 21 to firearms used for hunting, shooting, and other similar purposes. This solution is to provide clarity for what people 18 to 21 can possess and purchase, instead of a blanket prohibition on all firearms ownership until 21.

Under current law, an 18-to-20-year-old in Oregon can buy assault weapons and other semiautomatic rifles—even though they cannot legally purchase handguns. Research shows that individuals aged 18-to-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21-and-over. Current law is a two-tiered system for younger Oregonians. It would be better to clarify exactly what younger Oregonians can and cannot purchase and possess.

Please support HB 2006, which would clarify current law and raise the age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles to 21 years old. This is just common sense gun safety legislation.

Thank you.