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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2005

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2006, which would raise the age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles to 21 years old. The recent rise in gun violence in our communities has been deeply concerning, and we must take immediate action to keep our citizens safe.

It is well-established that individuals aged 18-to-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly three times greater than adults 21-and-over. It is therefore alarming that under current law, these individuals can purchase assault weapons and other semiautomatic rifles, even though they cannot legally purchase handguns. This loophole puts our communities at risk and allows dangerous weapons to fall into the wrong hands.

As we witness an alarming increase in gun violence across the country, we must act quickly to protect the safety of our citizens. Every day, more lives are lost due to gun violence, leaving families and communities devastated. Raising the age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles is an essential step towards preventing further tragedies and ensuring that these weapons do not end up in the hands of those who would use them to cause harm.

I urge you to support House Bill 2006 and take swift action to address the urgent issue of gun violence. We owe it to our citizens to keep them safe, and this bill is a crucial step in that direction.

Sincerely,

Amy Joynt