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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2006

I'm writing today asking you to support HB 2006, which would raise the minimum age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles to 21 years old.

Research shows that young people aged 18-to-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21 and over. And more, states that raised the minimum purchase age to 21 saw a 9% decline in rates of firearm suicides among 18- to 20 year olds. Under the current law, an 18-20 year old in Oregon can buy assault weapons and other semiautomatic rifles—even though they cannot legally purchase handguns. We must stop the easy access to the most dangerous weapons among our young people.