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

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Suzanne Pflaum. I am a mother of a toddler, concerned citizen in North Portland. I am writing to urge your support for House Bills 2005, 2006 and 2007 as they are critical gun safety policies that will prevent violence and save lives.

As you know, under current law, we allow 18-to-20-year-olds to purchase assault weapons and other semi-automatic rifles even though they cannot legally purchase handguns. This is problematic given that research shows that the 18-to-20 year old demographic commits gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21-and-over.

This statistic alone highlights the critical need for this bill, as does the tragic increase in gun deaths across the nation and in Oregon. Simple, logical laws like HB 2006 can help make our state and communities safer places and create a culture that advocates for responsible gun ownership and gun safety.

I am grateful to your committee for considering gun violence safety measures such as these that will keep more Oregonians safe from gun violence. In addition to HB 2006, I urge you to support HB 2005 banning ghost guns and other untraceable firearms, and Bill HB 2007 which would allow cities and municipalities to ban concealed carry weapons in city and county public buildings and other spaces.

Thank you for taking my testimony to heart.
Suzanne Pflaum