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Federal law prohibits the purchase of a handgun until the age of 21, however, in Oregon, children can purchase an assault weapon or semiautomatic rifle when they are only 18. The NIMH states that "The brain finishes developing and maturing in the mid-to-late 20s. The part of the brain behind the forehead, called the prefrontal cortex, is one of the last parts to mature. This area is responsible for skills like planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions." Should we really allow children, whose brains are just developing the skills to "make good decisions" to be able to purchase assault weapons?

Vote yes on HB2006 and raise the age of purchase to 21 or better yet, prohibit assault weapons entirely.