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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Walan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am in support of HB 2006, which would raise the age to 21 for purchasing a semi-automatic rifle. To purchase a handgun you must be 21. Yet, you currently only need to be 18 to purchase an even deadlier weapon in all but 7 states in this country.

Passing this bill would make Oregon the 8th state and common sense and community safety would suggest that others will follow. We know that those under 21 are more likely to commit gun homicides. Discouraging the availability of deadly weapons will help prevent further tragedies. Anything that makes it harder for a young person to make a rash and deadly decision is a good idea. I, myself, am 21. I don't believe that I am ready even now to make such an important decision but I know I was not at the age of 18. Thank. you for taking this testimony and working to protect Oregonians from gun violence.

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