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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB2006

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

I write in support of HB 2006, which would raise the minimum purchase age for an AR-15 style weapon from 18 to 21. These weapons have been used in mass shootings by those under 21 again and again. In Parkland, Florida, In Uvalde, Texas. In Newtown, CT. And at the Safeway in Bend, Oregon. Communities are terrorized by these horrific killings and they never recover. The police in Uvalde were so terrified by the gun that was being used they waited an hour to break into the classroom and confront the shooter. They knew the teenager inside had a much more powerful weapon than they did and that they couldn't stop him. That wasted hour meant that more children died from their wounds. We need to make sure that these weapons are kept out of the hands of young adults who can't fully fathom the consequences of their actions.

Please pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you, Jon Wexler