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

I support HB 2006 and urge you to support it as well. Raising the age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles to 21 years old would help make our communities safer.

Under current law, an 18-to-20-year-old in Oregon can buy assault weapons and other semiautomatic rifles—even though they cannot legally purchase handguns. Research shows that individuals aged 18-to-20 years old commit gun homicides at a rate nearly 3 times greater than adults 21-and-over (<https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/law/minimum-age-to-purchase/>).

Lawmakers should support HB 2006, which would raise the age to purchase and possess semiautomatic rifles to 21 years old.