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I am writing to support HB 2006. Research shows that children between the age of 18 and 20 commit homicides 3 times more often than adults 21 and older. A majority of the horrific school shootings are perpetrated by young men under the age of 21, using assault weapons or semi-automatic rifles.

In Oregon, children between the age of 18 and 20 are not legally allowed to drink or even own a handgun, but are legally allowed to possess semi-automatic and assault rifles. The legal age to purchase a handgun in the country is 21. It makes no sense that 18 to 20-year olds are allowed to purchase and possess assault rifles and semi-automatic weapons. Raising the minimum age to purchase most firearms is a common sense public safety measure that will keep save lives and keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of those who should never have access to them.