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We have seen numerous young adults use firearms, usually automatic firearms, to kill and injure innocent people. There are studies that show that the brain of a young man is not fully developed until the mid-twenties and they can act in rash and violent ways. This bill would make it more difficult for people who might take violent action using firearms to obtain those firearms and a disaster will hopefully be averted. I live in Bend, Oregon near the Safeway store where a young man shot and killed a man. A dear friend's son was in the store on that day. Her family continues to experience PTSD and live in fear and with high anxiety. If that young man who it seems was experiencing mental health issues was not able to obtain those weapons lives would have been spared. I do agree with the part of the bill that allows exceptions for hunting as that is a huge part of Oregon culture and many people get their meat that way. Most people do not need automatic or semi-automatic weapons and certainly not for hunting. I appreciate the support of both sides of the aisle on this issue as it affects all Oregonians and creates a smarter gun use program so those who would like or need hunting weapons can have them but not dangerous firearms that are designed for combat situations.

Thank you.