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

To Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of HB 2006 which would prohibit a person under 21 years of age from possessing firearms with specified exceptions.

In a June 2022 article from The New York Times, it was reported that "...six of the nine deadliest mass shootings in the United States since 2018 were by people who were 21 or under." And this number is on the rise.

According to Everytown Research, individuals age 18-to-21-years-old commit gun homicides at a rate almost 3X greater than adults 21-and-over. Under Oregon law, an 18-to-20-year-old can buy assault weapons and other semiautomatic rifles--even though they cannot legally purchase a handgun. The Safeway shooter in Bend was 20.

Please support HB 2006 and raise the age to 21 for purchase and possession of semiautomatic rifles.

Thank you.