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As a mother, I am compelled to articulate my support for SB 348. We saw another mass shooting event this week, resulting in the deaths of 6 people, including 3 9-year-old children. Every child deserves to go to school without fear of being blown apart by an assault weapon.

In a 2022 Gallup poll, 55% of respondents said there should be a ban on assault weapons and 57% of respondents felt the laws covering the sale of guns should be more strict. Though courts are still determining the fate of Ballot Measure 114, over 50% of Oregon voters voted in favor of the measure requiring permits to own firearms and banning magazines over 10 rounds.

The research shows that state laws that require licensing of fire arms and limits magazine capacity, such as Measure 114 and current Senate Bill 348, are associated with reductions of fatal mass shooting events (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1745-9133.12487>).

For folks who insist on taking our Constitution literally, the Second Amendment does not mandate an individual's right to own a gun (not until DC v. Heller in a 5-4 vote) did the Courts infer an individual right to gun ownership. You can not pick and choose the parts of history that serve your narrative; the weapon of the time was a musket, not an assault rifle and magazine with 50 round capacity.