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I am opposed to this use of tax payer money. It is a serious subject, but we only here about the symptoms of our communities issues. I lived in Portland for 36years and have always viewed guns like they are tools. I had 4 people commit suicide on my street while I was growing up and only one used a gun. Guns are tools and are not the root of our communities issues. There have always been a lot of guns in our communities, so why are we hyper focused on them? Lets study how to make changes to the root of our issues. If we can't all agree on the root cause of these terrible symptom's, then study what leads people to choose violence and suicide. Please, lets not waste time or money while we these two terrible problems only getting worse.

Thank you for your time.