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I am an Oregonian writing in support of House Bill 3076 authorizing the study the establishment of a state firearm dealer licensing program. It is vital that this leads to state firearm dealer licensing. The majority of gun-related crimes in Oregon involve guns purchased from firearms dealers. Oregon exports guns used in crimes to our neighboring states. Dealers are an important line of defense against gun trafficking and yet they are one of the least regulated businesses in our state. This is a travesty which must change. As someone who has provided behavioral health and addictions treatment, I've seen far too many people traumatized by gun violence and the threat of gun violence, including those threatened by domestic violence. Enacting a state firearm dealer licensing program will reduce access to firearms for individuals prohibited from owning them, and will reduce the diversion of guns for criminal use.