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My name is Anita Geisler, and I am a pediatrician in Eugene. I write in strong support of HB 3076.

It's shocking that gun violence has become the number-one cause of death in children. Firearm suicides account for more than half of all suicide deaths in the United States, and about 90% of those who attempt suicide with a firearm will not survive. Multiple studies have linked the accessibility of firearms with higher suicide rates.

Children are at a very real risk of obtaining a firearm too easily. In my clinical experience, there has been an unprecedented number of middle school and high school aged youth experiencing depression and anxiety. Any small friction in obtaining firearms, or monitoring the licensing of these firearms, can go a very long way towards keeping these children safer, while giving them a chance to seek mental health treatment.

Thank you for your consideration in this urgent matter.

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