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Less than 2% of Oregon's 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year — even though nearly half of inspections show significant violations like selling guns without background checks or failing to report multiple sales.

Over 6,000 illegal guns were recovered in Oregon last year, and nearly 75% were traced back to Oregon gun dealers.

States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%.

Nearly every other industry — from taco trucks to nail salons — is required to meet basic business standards and inspections. It's time to hold gun dealers to the same level of accountability.

We KNOW that background checks are vital and can be circumvented if the industry is not regulated. We KNOW that gun violence is a huge issue and that it kills more people than many diseases. Just as we need regulations on other harmful industries like tobacco, gun sales must be regulated in order to save lives.