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I encourage you to support HB 3075-1, which will expedite the passing of Measure 114. I am a retired public educator, having served in both Pennsylvania and in Oregon. Let me relate just a few needless frightening instances my students faced due to guns. First, one of my student's fathers, at the time recently released from prison for killing his wife, was able to gain access to buying a gun and threatened to kill his daughter, a student in my class. While thankfully police intervention happened, this caused intense stress to everyone. Two of my students at a other time witnessed a student in another class with mental health issues kill himself with a gun he was able to obtain. I also worked at PSU in Portland during the mass semi automatic shooting in Umpqua Community College. While all this was farther away from where we were, I have no doubt that in addition to those victims killed, this mass shooting, like every time it happens in our country, spreads anxiety, panic, and fear that still resonates.

We can't continue to let children and young people continue to grow up in such senseless situations and expect them to thrive. Every one of the aspects of Measure 114 would have deterred or even have kept these instances from happening. Let me clarify that these measures Do Not keep people from buying guns. What it does do it makes sure people receive the clearance and education to responsibly use a gun. And, it deters the sale of magazines that accelerated the possibility of rapid mass shootings. This is NOT a political issue. HB 3075-1 helps the passing of a measure which is for the future of our students, our children and grandkids.