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The current lack of oversight and regulation of guns is appalling. It is shameful that we, as a state, allow gun sales to go virtually unchecked.

The fact that less than 2% of Oregon's 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year, even though nearly ½ of inspections show significant violations, like selling guns without background checks or not reporting multiple sales, is frightening. Any other industry would be shut down with these statistics. We cannot allow this to continue.

More than 6,000 crime guns were recovered in Oregon last year, and nearly 75% of these were traced to Oregon gun dealers. We need to stop the flow of illegal guns.

States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%. The numbers show that regulation and oversight save lives.

It is clear: Oregon needs to do better.

Nearly all other industries - taco trucks, salons, nail shops - are inspected. We must ensure the most deadly industry is held accountable to basic business standards.

As a nurse and a mother, I demand that we have safer communities. And this bill is a critical first step in the right direction.

Please pass HB3076 to keep crime guns out of our communities.