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As an Oregon voter, I strongly support HB 3076. Right now, oversight of gun dealers in our state is severely lacking—less than 2% of Oregon’s 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year. When inspections do happen, nearly half reveal serious violations, such as selling firearms without background checks or failing to report multiple sales.

The consequences are alarming. Last year, over 6,000 crime guns were recovered in Oregon, and nearly 75% were traced back to in-state gun dealers. We cannot allow this unchecked flow of illegal guns to continue. Evidence shows that states with gun dealer licensing have significantly reduced gun trafficking—by 70%—and cut gun homicides by 36%.

Nearly every other industry, from food vendors to salons, is subject to routine inspections. There’s no reason gun dealers, whose business directly impacts public safety, should be exempt. It’s time to hold them to basic business standards. Please pass HB 3076 to help keep illegal guns out of our communities.