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I am an Oregon mom, resident and voter and I support HB 3076.

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. 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%. 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.

I am a mom of three little boys and the gun violence issues we have in our state worry me constantly. At the very minimum we should be inspecting gun dealers and stopping the flow of illegal guns in our state. With what goes on in our country every day with gun violence, we as Oregonians should be doing everything we can to stop the sale of illegal guns and participate in the nation wide need to protect every individual. While I understand this is a complex issue and both sides are entitled to their opinions, the safety of our residents and communities should always come above personal preferences. This is literally life and death and we should be doing everything we can to protect every resident. Please pass HB 3076 to keep crime guns out of our communities.