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I'm writing to express my strong support for passing HB 3076 to help limit the flow of illegal guns in Oregon. It is unconscionable that Oregon has become a major source of illegal guns used in crimes not only in Oregon but throughout our region.

I support people's ability to buy firearms when done so lawfully. But we have too many gun dealers operating without any government oversight and with no sanctions for bypassing the laws we've passed to ensure safety and accountability, such as background checks and reporting repeat sales.

Why is there more oversight for manicurists than for gun dealers? Mass shootings and crimes with deadly weapons are a far greater threat than toenail fungus.

Gun dealer licensing reform works. States that have gun dealer licensing in place have reduced gun homicides by 36%.

As a parent and a long-time Oregonian, I want a safer community -- one that is not threatened by guns sold to criminals without the necessary safeguards to prevent that. Please pass HB 3076 to keep crime guns out of our communities.