



Oregon Pediatric Society

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TO: Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan,
and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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SUBJECT: Support for House Bill 3076 – Firearm Dealer Licensing

My name is Jennifer McCall, and I am the board vice president of the Oregon Pediatric Society, the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. I am writing as a pediatrician practicing in Oregon to express my strong support for the proposed bill directing the State Department of Justice to establish a state gun dealer licensing program. I believe that a well-regulated gun dealer licensing system could play a critical role in preventing gun violence and protecting our communities.

As a physician dedicated to the health and safety of children, I see firsthand the devastating impact of firearm-related injuries and deaths on Oregon's youth. I am particularly concerned about the role of improperly secured firearms in accidental shootings and youth suicides. Many of these tragic incidents involve firearms purchased legally but without sufficient oversight regarding safe storage and responsible sales practices. Establishing a gun dealer licensing program in Oregon could help ensure that firearms are sold responsibly, reducing the risk of weapons falling into the hands of those who may misuse them.

Firearm-related injuries are a leading cause of death among children and adolescents in the United States. Studies have shown that states with stronger firearm regulations experience lower rates of unintentional shootings, suicides, and homicides involving children. A state licensing program for gun dealers would provide an opportunity to implement measures that promote safe firearm storage, proper background checks, and compliance with state and federal regulations. Furthermore, this program would provide lawmakers with the data necessary to craft evidence-based policies that balance Second Amendment rights with the pressing need for enhanced public safety. By ensuring that firearm dealers meet appropriate licensing standards, we can take a meaningful step toward reducing gun-related injuries and deaths in our state.

I urge you to support HB 3076 and to prioritize child and community safety in your legislative decisions. Thank you for your time and dedication to this critical issue.