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Hello! I am Dawn Perkiss. I have lived in Oregon since 2007 and I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action, a grassroots movement working towards common-sense public safety measures. I also have a young daughter so I'm testifying for her and to fight for a future where she doesn't have to fear gun violence in our schools and communities.

I am testifying in support of HB 3076, Firearm Dealer Licensing and Enforcement. Firearm dealers are the first line of defense against gun trafficking, yet they're one of the least-regulated businesses in our state – on average, most dealers are inspected by ATF less than once a decade. From 2017-2021, more than 26,000 firearms were recovered at crime scenes in Oregon, and more than 55% of those weapons were purchased from licensed firearms dealers.

Like other states in the region, Oregon should create a state firearm dealer licensing and inspection program, to ensure dealers are securing their inventory against theft, maintaining sales records to aid investigations of gun crimes, and training their employees to look for signs of straw purchasing (a key aspect in preventing gun trafficking).

Please support HB 3076 to help keep firearms out of the wrong hands and make our communities safer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony.