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I support HB 3076. It is perfectly reasonable and desirable to have a gun dealer licensing program in Oregon. They have similar programs in many other states including Washington and California. Many other businesses such as hair salons and restaurants are inspected all of the time and it does not hurt their business. In fact, I bet it helps them; I much prefer going to restaurants that I know have passed inspections! Also, it is well known that dealerships are not being inspected as often as the ATF would like, due to staffing shortages. OPB just released an article stating that less than 2% of Oregon gun dealers were inspected in recent years. I think this is something that is definitely worth looking into! Many guns recovered at crime scenes in Oregon were shown to have been purchased in Oregon. Making sure that gun dealers follow correct protocols and regulations as far as selling and even securing weapons after hours, could go a long way towards making our communities safer.

We should not keep putting profits and guns above human life. It is time to stop guns from getting into the wrong hands before it is too late! Knowledge is power. The least we can do is study whether or not the establishment of a state gun dealer licensing program will make our communities safer. And I believe we will find that it will.