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I am Kay O'Neill. I am writing to urge you to support House Bill 3076. It is a critical policy that will prevent firearm tragedies and save lives. Gun violence is the largest cause of death for children and teens in the U.S. (PEW Research Ctr, Everytown research, Johns Hopkins) AND the U.S. leads the world (NIH, 2016) in gun deaths of children.

Oregonians made their preference clear in 2022: We are traumatized by school shootings, we want tighter restrictions on gun ownership and sales, which include background checks, inspections to ensure that dealers are licensed and following the law, and we want high capacity magazines banned.

Less than 2% of Oregon's 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year — even though nearly half of inspections show significant violations like selling guns without background checks or failing to report multiple sales.

Over 6,000 illegal guns were recovered in Oregon last year, and nearly 75% were traced back to Oregon gun dealers.

States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%.

Nearly every other industry — from taco trucks to nail salons — are required to meet basic business standards and inspections. It's time to hold gun dealers to the same level of accountability.

Today, the ATF is only inspecting Oregon gun dealers once every 57 years and even when they are found to have significant violations they are not being shut down. My friends who own guns want gun dealers to be held responsible to foster a culture of responsible gun dealing, purchasing, and ownership. Passing HB 3076 will make our communities safer places to live, work, learn and play. Please pass HB 3076 to keep crime guns out of our communities.