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Good afternoon Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

My name is Dr. Doreen Dodgen-Magee and I'm an Oregonian, a psychologist, a neighbor, mom, and auntie.

In 1995 my brother in law, who was separated from my sister in law and angry over missing his daughter's first day of kindergarten, purchased a gun, despite a restraining order against him, drove to my mother in law's home and shot and killed his wife, Laura, and their 3 children...my nieces...Sarah (age 5), Rachel (age 3), and April (age 5 months). My mother in law was shot but survived.

This happened in the front yard, at the end of main street in the quiet, small town of Scotts Mills, Oregon.

My nieces weren't "at the wrong place at the wrong time." They were at their grandmother's home...with their parents. One of whom was able to commit a quadruple homicide because of easy access to firearms.

The entire community, along with all of our family, live with the long term effects of trauma as a result of this reality. No one should have to choose coffins, in bulk, like we did or host a standing room only memorial for an entire family taken by gun.

This isn't just a "story." This is our lived experience and this is our very real, horrific, and preventable loss.

Oregonians have made their wishes clear. They want Measure 114 to be implemented. They want a statewide permit requirement to purchase firearms...a process that research shows can reduce homicide rates! A process that could have saved Laura, Sarah, Rachel, and April as well as all those touched by gun homicide and suicide.

I implore you to take seriously the experiences of Oregonians as well as their safety, and pass HB3076.