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Hello,

I live in Estacada and guns are a big problem out here. Residents are generally irresponsible with their weapons and don't hesitate to drink or use drugs and then shoot on their property. Three years ago our neighbors handed their 12 year old a gun and his shot flew over my husband's head, nearly hitting him, and the police could/would do nothing. Since we cannot control HOW people are using guns on their property, at least we can try to reduce the number of illegal guns in circulation.

Less than 2% of Oregon's 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year, even though nearly ½ of inspections show significant violations like selling guns without background checks or not reporting multiple sales.

More than 6,000 crime guns were recovered in Oregon last year, and nearly 75% of these were traced to Oregon gun dealers.

We need to stop the flow of illegal guns. States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%.

Nearly all other industries - taco trucks, salons, nail shops - are inspected. We must ensure the most deadly industry is held accountable to basic business standards.

Please pass HB3076 to keep crime guns out of our communities and keep us safer.