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My name is Stephanie Wagner. I am a parent, a first grade teacher, an Oregonian, and a firm believer in both responsible gun ownership and the right of every child to grow up safe from preventable violence. I am writing in strong support of HB 3070 because I cannot stand idly by while children's lives are at risk due to weak or insufficient gun safety measures.

This isn't about politics—it's about basic responsibility. Every gun owner I know takes pride in being responsible. They lock up their firearms. They teach gun safety. They recognize that rights come with responsibilities. HB 3070 simply ensures that all gun owners in Oregon meet the same basic standard of care that responsible owners already follow: securing firearms so they don't fall into the wrong hands, whether that be a curious child, a struggling teenager, or a criminal looking for an easy opportunity.

As a parent, I can't help but ask—how could anyone oppose common-sense protections that save lives? Studies show that secure storage laws reduce accidental shootings, teen suicides, and school shootings. This isn't speculation; it's proven. No one wants to believe that tragedy will strike their own home, their own school, their own community—until it does. And then, it's too late.

We've seen too many stories of children finding unsecured guns and paying the price. Too many grieving parents who never imagined their child wouldn't come home from school. No one should have to live with that kind of loss—especially when it is so easily preventable.

HB 3070 doesn't take guns away from responsible owners. It doesn't infringe on rights. It simply holds people accountable for safe storage, just like we do for seat belts, childproof medicine caps, and any number of other safety measures that responsible adults follow without question.

This is not about taking away freedoms. It's about protecting families. It's about ensuring that no Oregon parent has to receive that unthinkable phone call. I urge you to support HB 3070 because doing nothing is not an option.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wagner