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I am a retired pediatrician. I urge you to support OR 3076 to make citizens of Oregon safer from gun violence. I sat on the Medical Examiner's Child Fatality Committee for several years and I was appalled by how many children died by gunshot, either accidental (unsecured guns), through playing Russian Roulette or by impulsive suicide.

Parents in Oregon should not be afraid to send their children to school, to a movie theater, to the post office, to church or a shopping mall for fear that gun violence will kill or maim their child or scar them mentally and emotionally for life. "The right to bear arms" should apply to times and places when the military needs weapons, and was not written into the Constitution so that we would end up endangering the lives of so many innocent people and children. Screening and licensing are simple and help ensure the safety of our citizens ---- just as we do with Drivers' Licenses.

I urge you to support reasonable gun control laws as exemplified by OR 3076.