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I am submitting today because I fear the loudest voices on guns in this state do not always represent the majority. I write this on behalf of everyday Oregonians who didnt have them time—us parents juggling full-time jobs, taking care of aging parents, getting dinner on the table, and rushing kids to soccer practice. People who simply want safer communities for our families, children, and neighbors.

I have personally experienced gunshots on my own street. It's heartbreaking to be in a situation where you are dropping to the floor with your family, in your own home, in the middle of the day. It's everywhere for us here in Portland, my daughter's best friend's lemonade stand was shot up in gang violence.

That is why I support HB 3076. Oregon needs stronger oversight of gun dealers to stop the flow of illegal guns. We know there are responsible gun dealers in our state but there is also evidence that not all dealers are acting responsibly. We cannot rely on anecdote or good intentions alone.

Really, It's baffling that gun dealers are allowed to operate with so little regulation. Nearly every other industry—taco trucks, nail shops—is subject to regular inspections. Yet gun dealers, whose products can mean life or death, operate with barely any oversight. The data is clear: states with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by up to 70% and gun homicides by 36%.

This bill puts common-sense protections in place. It doesn't take away rights; it closes loopholes that allow guns to be funneled into crime.

I want to end by saying I write this in honor of my 13-year-old daughter, Naomi. Since she was 11, she has spent countless hours volunteering to advocate for common-sense gun laws in our state—all on her own volition. Despite being baffled at times by us, she has still looked to us adults to make practical, logical decisions to protect our communities. Today, I am writing to answer that call.

I urge you to support HB 3076. Thank you.