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As a lifelong resident of Oregon I see this as an erosion of our hunting culture to be able to continue. There are numerous ways in this bill that would hamper our ability to hunt and pass down the knowledge of how to do it safely. I have been a volunteer hunter education instructor for three years now and I know that we will not be allowed to teach children gun safety under this bill. I have personally been hunting from the age of eight and owned my first firearm by age fourteen. The sense of responsibility that brings is vital for developing ethical humans.

Putting restrictions on the types of firearm that are being suggested is ineffective at preventing crime. Worst of all is the gun free zones that are in place let alone expanding them. If you do any research that excludes the mainstream media you will find that most of our gun violence happens in gun free zones because the criminals know the likelihood of a good guy with a gun stopping them is very low. The restrictions that are imposed simply make criminals out of otherwise good people.

Please use existing laws to convict true criminals. Please instruct our DA's to prosecute and not drop cases.