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Thank you chair and vice chair for allowing me to testify yesterday. I will say that after I finished with my testimony I got the chance to watch many other people testify as well and I must say that I can't hold a candle to the ladies in red with their preapproved testimony all on the same paper with the same font and text tell their very sad stories and yes they were terribly sad stories and yet a certain state senator in a red and black sweater that testified prior to the general public was making sure each one of the moms demand action ladies were ready and directed. I find this very disingenuous and a setup for the helping force law abiding citizens to bear the burden of gun laws that won't be followed by anyone other than law abiding gun owners. The 72 hour waiting period will stop no one from committing suicide and does nothing for suicide prevention. Raising the age to purchase a firearm to from 18 to 21 and using the excuse of the frontal cortex of the brain was terrible attempt at saying anyone under 21 should not be allowed to make adult decisions on anything and opens Pandora's box on all choices made by young people. With the incoming revenue to the state being less than expected, population decline, many school districts being millions over budget and ODOT needing 1.8 billion with a B to break even we can't afford this and any other gun measure. The state of Oregon has spent as of late 5 million dollars attempting to defend measure 114 and will need more because the litigation is far from over and now you have 3075, 3076 and this bill that if passed will be winding their way through the courts and eventually be overturned. I totally understand the statement from Senators Boardman on keeping guns out of public buildings and workplaces and can understand that his district borders several of the counties that have voted to succeed from the state of Oregon because of the one and only party that runs this state isn't listening and sharing any of their values, I'd be nervous as well. SB 243 will only do nothing but keep a special interest group happy for a short time until some of you need reelection funds and support. Thank you and please rethink some of your decisions towards this bill and move on towards something more beneficial like real suicide prevention.