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I have been around guns most of my life starting when I got my first 22 rifle at the age of 8. I am 57 years old now and have never had an accident with a firearm. I believe I can attest that to my early knowledge of gun safety. I have always enjoyed the freedom to go to a gun store or show to purchase a firearm and then be able to go out into our wonderful wilderness here in Oregon and spend the day target shooting or deer hunting in my younger days. Now I have a 15 year old son who loves shooting as well. I believe myself and my son represent the majority of gun owners in our state. It has been a while since my last gun purchase so I'm unfamiliar with most of all the new laws and regulations involved with purchasing a firearm. But, from what I've heard, it's become nearly impossible to do. Unfortunately for my son I'm starting to doubt that he will ever have that opportunity by the time he becomes an adult. This is sad to see. Because, for responsible gun owners, it's a great sport or hobby to be a part of. Just stop with all the nonsense and focus on the broken people that are the cause of all the gun violence. Thanks.