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Chair Kropf, vice-chairs Chotzen and Wallan and members of the committee,

Suicide is a major challenge for Oregon. Our state has among the nation's highest suicide rates, with a substantial portion of those being by firearm. As a Democrat and as a firearms owner, I believe we can achieve a real reduction thru several different approaches both short- and long-term, and this bill offers a real chance for the former.

HB 3884 with the -1 amendment provides a voluntary method for the temporary storage firearms of firearms on the premises of licensed firearms dealers. This could be life-saving for a person who needs to put some space between themselves and their firearm. I believe this bill represents a simple, yet innovative tool which does not infringe on the rights of anyone while acting as a strong preventative measure.

It is far from every day that we come upon a real win-win bill (especially in the Second Amendment space) and I would like to thank Representatives Tran and Chaichi for shepherding this important work. Please support HB 3884-1, a great step in the right direction for suicide prevention in our state.