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To: DeJong Annola
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To the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge your support for these bills to help increase gun safety in Oregon:

SB 700 will require universal background checks so dangerous people can't buy guns. It is extremely important to widen background checks.

SB 347 will provide school districts the authority to prohibit guns in Oregon public schools. This bill would be stronger if it required all school districts to become gun-free, so there would be no confusion between schools.

SB 699 will require people with concealed handgun licenses to keep them concealed. This should happen at the present time under the definition of "concealed" handgun.

SB 796 will require the passage of a firing range test in order to receive a concealed handgun license. This seems prudent and necessary.

Ban Assault Rifles and large Capacity Magazines:

I also support and urge your support for a ban on assault rifles and large capacity magazines. They should only be available to police and military.

This missing piece is necessary to increase gun safety in Oregon. If other states can ban assault rifles, so can Oregon. Clackamas Mall-type shooting deaths should never happen again. We need to become a more civilized society.

Sincerely,
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