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Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members,

My name is Kirsten Haugen. I live in Eugene, Oregon. I strongly support Senate Bill 700 to require universal background checks for private sale gun purchases and urge you to do the same. This won't fix everything, but it will go a long way toward making gun purchases less likely to lead to gun related deaths, injuries and crimes by making it harder for guns to get into the hands of people with criminal backgrounds.

I support gun ownership, but why should owning a gun entail less responsibility than, for instance, owning a car or getting a driver's license? Activities that introduce public safety risks should require the responsible parties to submit to reasonable regulation. This fits the bill.

Thank you for your ongoing, thoughtful work on behalf of Oregon citizens.

~ Kirsten Haugen
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