

In Betsy Johnson's guest column (Oregonian, April 19) she avers that everyone wants to keep guns out of the wrong hands. But that no law can do that. Her claim is inconsistent with the research which Everytown for Gun Safety has done which revealed a significant difference between states with and without background checks. In the states with background checks they found dramatically lower rates in police officers shot and killed, women shot and killed by their intimate partners, and completed suicides by guns. If we all value the right of Oregonians to live safely, we should pass background check legislation which has proven to reduce the incidence of gun violence.

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