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Deer Senate Members of the Educational Committee,

My name is Robert Beam, I am a lifelong Oregonian. I am the father of a little girl, she is the light of my life. At the age of three my daughter has already been to the range with my wife and I, and she is enthralled by the goings on of the range. I keep my firearms secure and out of her reach at all times, but that does not mean she will never find herself in a situation were there is a firearm and I am not present, since I'm not the only adult in her life with a firearm and human error does exist.

What I would like to do is give my daughter the best chance if she is ever caught in the worst case scenario. I believe threw SB801, not only my daughter but a great deal of Oregon's youth would have the necessary tools to know what to do if they found themselves in that situation. As hard as we may try to prevent the worst case from happening, sometimes it happens all the same. One of my dearest friends, we met in Hunter safety at the age of 12, is the survivor of a firearm accident, if he had been instructed at a younger age the situation he found himself in at 12 years old may have never happened, he's one of the lucky ones.

SB 801 will undoubtedly save lives if you give it the chance to. Please help to protect the children of our amazing state threw knowledge.

Thank you,
Robert Beam