

I live in Bend, Oregon, and I am a gun owner. I support gun safety measures, including HB2510, to prevent both accidental deaths and access to guns by people other than the owner. My guns have trigger locks and/or are locked in safes, so I'm preaching what I practice. I recognize that no single solution will prevent all gun violence, but requiring that guns be stored safely is an incredibly simple and inexpensive step to take. In fact, I simply cannot see any actual justification to oppose this step. We've seen that unlocked guns lead to gun violence, and I wish to reduce gun violence. Are opponents of this measure SUPPORTING gun violence?! If arguments are made that this should be done on a federal level to be more sweeping, I would respond that there's no harm in having this legislation at the state level as well. The Clackamas Town Center attack is but one example of an attack that took place with an unsecured weapon, but the myriad school shootings and teen suicides could be reduced by safer storage. As an Oregonian, a Bend resident, a father, and simply as a caring member of my community, I support HB 2510. Thank you.