



Oregon Pediatric Society

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TO: Representative Rachel Prusak, Chair
Representatives Andrea Salinas and Cedric Hayden, Vice Chairs
and members of the House Committee on Health Care

FROM: Lawrence Krupa, MD
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SUBJECT: Support for HB 2510, Safe Gun Storage

The Oregon Pediatric Society (OPS) is the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Our membership is committed to improving and protecting the health and well-being of all children in Oregon, as well as those who care for them. For the record, my name is Lawrence Krupa, MD. I am a pediatrician advocate, and I work in the field of child and adolescent mental health. OPS strongly endorses HB 2510, which would save children's lives and injury from accidental or intentional gun use.

Suicidal ideation is becoming more prevalent due to the current stresses in our community. As a result, the risk of angry, impulsive, or depressed Oregonians of all ages using unsecured firearms against themselves or others is real. Tragically, a former young patient of mine did this and murdered his older brother.

I am adding my voice to urge the members of this committee and the Oregon legislature to vote yes on HB 2510.