

Milwaukie City Council
City of Milwaukie
10722 SE Main St
Milwaukie, OR 97222

March 11, 2021

House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2510

Chair Prusak,

The Milwaukie City Council strongly supports HB2510 and urges its passage. Our council supports smart and proactive measures to stem the tide of gun violence.

Oregon was a leader in enacting a universal background check requirement, and this legislation would also put Oregon ahead of the pack in regulating firearm safety and accountability. States alone may not be able to bring the tragic school, workplace, and other mass shootings that curse our society to an end, but it is crucial that we take common sense steps to reduce the frequency of firearms theft, loss, and misuse. We must also reckon with the liability issues raised by those who do not follow standard precautions for securing their firearms.

Because we understand that we are still in the early stages of the legislative session and that this bill and others related to gun safety may evolve, we want to express our general support for these concepts:

- requiring that firearms be locked and secure when not in use, including when carried in a vehicle



- requiring that firearms owners report any loss or theft to specified local authorities within 72 hours, and that in the absence of such reporting be both subject to a fine and liable for any harms caused by misuse of that firearm
- requiring direct supervision of minors using firearms, and imposing liability on the gun owner for any harms caused by unsupervised minors
- precluding production or possession of firearms that are not detectable by a metal detector
- precluding possession of unregistered or untraceable firearms

Thank you for tackling this thorny subject and keeping the safety and welfare of Oregon youth and children in mind. Please enact firearms safety and accountability legislation this session.

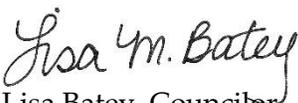
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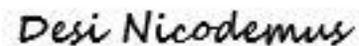
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