

As a gun violence survivor, being around a gun terrifies me. When I encounter people who open-carry in a grocery store (which has happened to me) I relive my fears intensely and literally feel ill.

I am stunned that Oregon allows people who should not have a gun to purchase a weapon if a background check takes longer than 3 days. This puts all of us at risk.

First, I believe in a waiting/cooling off period before gun purchases regardless. Second, when guns sales increase rapidly some background checks cannot be completed in three days. Because we are allowing people who should not have a gun to purchase guns, women are increasingly in danger and suicide rates are rising in our state.

If death rates were increasing due to any other hazard Oregon legislature would already have acted to protect Oregonians.

We must to fix the "Charleston Loophole" NOW! Please pass HB 2543.