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I am a psychiatrist and mental health activist and am writing in support of SB 551. This bill would help to prevent accidental deaths and deaths due to gun violence. Safe storage is a critical need in our state in which 81% of gun violence deaths are due to suicide. Oregon is well above the national average on this and this bill would help to close a gap in education around the safe storage of firearms, ammunition and controlled substances. We will help prevent the 350 accidental deaths of children under 18 due to unintentional shootings and the 1,200 children who died due to suicide by guns.