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I am 100% against this bill. As a single woman in a small town in OR who we don't always have law enforcement it's frightening to think I won't be able to purchase a firearm to protect myself. With this new bill the fees are expensive and the wait time is ridiculous. In 2021 someone tried to break into my home in the middle of the night. I laid there terrified thinking I was going to be hurt or possibly killed. Thankfully the intruder could not get in but I felt if I had a firearm, I wouldn't have laid there terrified for my life. I was thankfully able to go to the store the next day, pass the background screening and purchase a firearm. If the bill passed, I wouldn't be that lucky and I'd be in fear the intruder would come back.

I lost my son to suicide in 2021, it wasn't because he had access to a gun and shot himself. There isn't any mental health and counseling resources that were available for him. He was put on a long waiting list for counseling services. He died Jan. 2021 and I received a letter they could finally see him in April 2021. The problem isn't guns it's the fact there is no access to mental health treatment. Instead of pushing an agenda to stop the purchase of guns you should be funding more money for mental health and making services accessible for all.

People will continue to purchase guns legally or illegally, this bill is making it more difficult for honest Oregonians to purchase firearms and protect ourselves. Crime is on the rise and this Bill goes against our rights of the 2nd Amendment. The purpose of gun rights is for self defense, including security against tyranny, as well as hunting and sporting activities. Please do not pass this Bill and take our rights away making us more vulnerable.