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I am testifying on behalf of HB 3083 (Alyssa's Law). As a pediatrician who works at a school-based health clinic inside of a local high school, and a parent of a teen who attends another local high school, I worry every day about the threat that gun violence poses to my family. At my clinic, we run drills just like the students about how to respond to an armed intruder; yet the time it takes to notify emergency services may be too long for me, my staff, or my patients to survive. Policies to install panic buttons in schools have been passed in other states, and Oregon already has the funding set aside for these potentially life-saving devices. This is an easy, common-sense measure that Oregon could take to prevent more children, teens, teachers and school staff from dying of gun violence.

Thank you.