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Oregonians made their preference clear in 2022: they are dismayed by school shootings, they want tighter restrictions on gun ownership and sales, which include background checks, inspections to ensure that dealers are licensed and following the law, and they want high capacity magazines banned.

? Less than 2% of Oregon's 2,000 gun dealers were inspected last year — eventhough nearly half of inspections show significant violations like selling guns without background checks or failing to report multiple sales.

? Over 6,000 illegal guns were recovered in Oregon last year, and nearly 75% were traced back to Oregon gun dealers.

? States with gun dealer licensing have reduced gun trafficking by 70% and gun homicides by 36%.

? Nearly every other industry — from taco trucks to nail salons — is required to meet basic business standards and inspections. It's time to hold gun dealers to the same level of accountability.

Please Keep Faith with the Expressed Will of the Voters and Implement the Ballot Measure!

My name is Peter Sharer and I am writing to urge your support for House Bill 3076. It is a critical policy that will prevent firearm tragedies and save lives. All of us should be safe from violent gun crimes in our neighborhoods, no matter our race, income, or zip codes. Just as food safety rules at restaurants and hygiene requirements in nail salons that work to keep us healthy, we ought to have gun shop regulations to keep us safe. Holding gun dealers to basic standards of safety and theft prevention is critical to the broader effort to prevent gun tragedies and protect our communities.

We must stop the flow of guns being used for crime in our communities. Gun dealer licensing is a proven solution to violent gun crimes that has already been passed in 17 states. Research shows gun dealer licensing reduces gun diversions for criminal activity by 60% and homicides by almost 40%. Today, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is only inspecting Oregon gun dealers once every 57 years and even when they are found to have significant violations they are not being shut down. Gun dealers play a critical role and should be held responsible to foster a culture of responsible gun dealing, purchasing, and ownership.

Passing HB 3076 will make our communities safer places to live, work, learn and play. I urge you to vote yes.