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Federal officials who regulate firearms are only inspecting a small fraction of gun dealers in Oregon, records show.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives aim to inspect every gun dealer in the US every three years. But records show that in 2022 and 2023, the agency inspected just 31 and 34 of Oregon's roughly 2,000 firearms dealers – less than 2%.

Source: <https://www.opb.org/article/2025/03/03/fewer-than-2-of-oregon-gun-dealers-inspected-in-recent-years-records-show/>

Given this sad fact, and the likelihood that Federal support for the ATF will fall even further, I am in full support of state licensing of firearms dealers. My doctor requires a state license, a trucking company requires a state license, a tour boat operator requires a state license. Why not gun dealers?

We must hold gun dealers, our most lethal business industry, to the same basic standards of safety essentially all other industries in Oregon are held to.