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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB 243, a bill with several important measures to protect Oregonians from gun violence. I am in support of raising the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon from 18 to 21 years of age. I know that young people do not have fully developed brains and they should not be able to purchase weapons of war. You must be 21 to buy a handgun, it does not make sense that you only have to be 18 to buy an assault-style weapon. Mass shooters are often young men who are using these weapons in public spaces. We need to take action to protect innocent people who are simply grocery shopping, going to school, attending a concert, seeing a movie. This is a small but important step.

Thank you,
Eleni Kondilis