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I support any common sense gun reform laws, starting with mandatory background checks. I absolutely urge you to pass this bill, and more like it. Although the NRA and Republicans would have us believe that any laws about firearms are a violation of the 2nd amendment, that is certifiably false. For one thing, the 2nd amendment refers to the right of a well-organized militia to bear arms. This does not mean unrestricted access to every person in the country or state. Far from it. This nation has a deadly gun problem, particularly in the arena of assault rifles. We also have a mass shooting problem. Please pass this and other laws, which will reform the way Oregon, at least, can access these very deadly weapons. After all, if lawmakers aren't brave enough to stand up for what's right, and institute the most basic of restrictions on immediate gun sales, then those same lawmakers are NOT supporting the overall safety of the public. Please vote YES on SB 243, so that Oregon can become safer, while still allowing lawful and decent gun owners to buy weapons. It should not be a threat to anyone, least of all a law-abiding citizen, for a background check to be performed. Since gun violence is so out of control, including for suicides, now is the time for this to be passed. Thank you.