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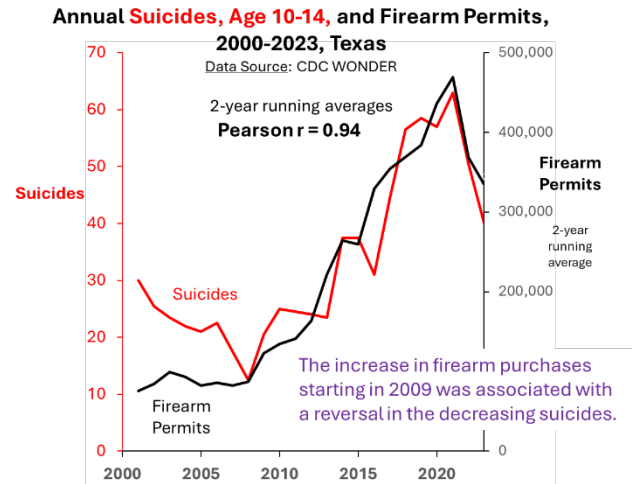
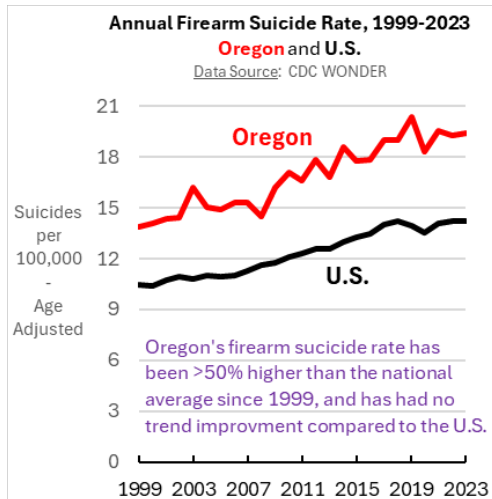
Oregon House of Representatives
re: HB3064

Dear Chair Kropf and the House Judiciary Committee:

As a

- grandfather of a class/teammate here in Bend of 12-year-old who suicided with his parents' firearm,
 - a member of a research team that has published on the problem,*
 - an Oregonian with prior national and now global responsibilities for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer,
 - a participant in the OHSU-PSU OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center
 - a reviewer of ERPO development and active proponent of ERPO in Texas as a member the Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility Board of Directors
 - and having contacted our county to file an ERPO request on a friend and neighbor
- I obviously do support HB 3064.

Here are just a couple of reasons based on firearm suicide trends I've generated for all ages in Oregon and the U.S. and age 10-14 in Texas, with the latter also correlated with firearm purchases:



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