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Please support House Bill 4145. I am an LCSW and work at St. Charles Family Care in Bend as a Behavioral Health Consultant. I am also a Mother, who drops my son off at Kindergarten and daughter at daycare. Every day, it crosses my mind, "What if my kids were in a school shooting?"

My Dad was in Safeway here in Bend (2022) about an hour or so before a gunman came in, shooting two people on the way in, and miraculously was stopped a former veteran working in the produce section. I can only imagine how much worse that shooting would've been. Working for St. Charles, the hospital and emergency department staff would suffer the trauma of any kind of mass shooting. We must do all that we can to keep our community safe, which means stricter gun control.

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon, and the leading cause nationwide. We can and must do better, and we made great progress when we enacted a permit to purchase law in 2022. The provisions in this bill will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments across the state to implement life-saving gun violence prevention laws to the best of their ability. I urge you to lead our state toward a future free from gun violence by doing your part to advance this bill. Thank you.