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Gun ownership in our nation went up 26% from 2000 to 2024. The death rate of American children due to gun violence increased 46% from 2019 to 2021. Those are facts that show that guns do not offer protection to our children from early death. They show a correlation between gun ownership and increased harm and trauma.

This bill will not prevent law abiding citizens who will responsibly handle firearms from owning them. It will hopefully stem the flow of guns into the hands of irresponsible ownership.

A majority of Oregonians voters have already shown that they find this to be a useful and necessary tool to save lives when they voted for Prop 114. Please follow their wishes!

Please guard the grandchildren in my family and every Oregon family from the toll of fear, trauma and death that unregulated firearm proliferation causes our society!