

I must address several points raised by Cease Fire Oregon and the League of Women Voters in relation to SB801:

1) The principal researcher in the Connecticut study cited by both organizations as proof that this program would be ineffective is a nurse and a resident of Sandy Hook. She is not a disinterested scientist. She has an agenda. Further, the programs her study considers are programs where firearm safety is taught using only discussion or only handouts. There is no hands on component to the programs in her study. The criticisms expressed do not apply here.

2) SB801 does not suggest that child firearm safety education is a substitute for a safe storage requirement. That is not the intention behind SB801. Child firearm safety education would be in addition to any other programs or statutes the legislature sees fit to enact.

3) The preferred solutions cited by the LWV and Ceasefire come from one side of the partisan gun control debate, namely Moms Demand Action and the Brady Campaign. The concern of people in support of SB801 is NOT about partisan warfare over gun control. It is the non-partisan concern for the safety of children, regardless of who wins the gun control debate. Partisan sniping by one side or the other gets in the way of what is important, and that is the safety of our children. They deserve everything we can do to keep them safe.

Attached is proof that the kind of education program outlined in SB801 is effective.



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Yesterday I was reminded how thankful I am to have taken the boys to a firearm safety course... Last month they were at a family members home where both boys said one child got into a cabinet and got a gun, then pointing it at their own sibling. The boys told me right away, and were super concerned at what they witnessed.

We found out that while it wasn't a functioning firearm (it was basically just missing a barrel) - my boys took heart the lessons they learned without any adult near by or prompting them! They assumed the gun was loaded, didn't go near/touch or, ran away, and told an adult.

Big lessons like that are so much better learned in a classroom, instead of over a tragedy that is easily avoided.

We are thankful that **Kids SAFE Foundation** offered a class that gave great information, and was easy to understand, remember, and put into action! Thank you for your program **Derek**, we are grateful for your time and the passion you have put into this cause!



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