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Faith leaders representing Portland's diverse religious community come together at Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland to promote a proposed ballot measure to regulate semiautomatic weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines in Oregon. Pictured (from left) are Liz McKanna, Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Rev. Alcena Boozer, Rev. W. J. Mark Knutson, Tamrah Knutson and Iman Muhammad A. Najieb.

'Now is the Time to Act'

Moved by gun violence,
faith leaders call for action

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Protecting children and teenagers from gun violence is the driving force of a new grass roots effort

to regulate semiautomatic weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines in Oregon.

A diverse group of faith leaders in Portland are working together to gather signatures for a proposed ballot measure that if approved by voters would require that existing semiautomatic weapons and large capacity magazines be registered by their owners,

as well prohibit the future sale and transfer of these weapons and magazines statewide.

Rev. W. J. Mark Knutson, senior pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in northeast Portland, is chairing the ballot initiative campaign, along with

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