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Subject: Please support SB 347, SB 700, SB 699, and SB796
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Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bills 700; 347; 699; 796

Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members:

We are Marilyn and James McCobb from Tigard Oregon.

Last June 29, our son-in-law killed himself in front of our daughter in the driveway of their home at Salishan with an unregistered Magnum 357. This was “impulse suicide”. If he had not had the gun, he would be still alive and an active member of the Lincoln City and Gleneden Beach communities. His death blew a huge hole in our extended family.

Then came the incident at Clackamas Town Center, followed by Newtown, both with assault rifles.

Marilyn grew up on a sheep ranch in Southern Oregon with ready access to guns. Knowing that to protect livestock, guns are essential, we do not suggest banning all guns. However, we see no reason anyone outside of law enforcement or military should own an assault weapon. No one needs a clip with automatic firing. We are saddened that our state legislators have removed these provisions from the bills before the Senate.

Regulation of guns, including the background checks, banning guns in schools, and requiring training for use of guns should be legislative priorities.

We are in total support of the efforts of the Committee.

Thank you,

Marilyn McCobb and James McCobb

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