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To: DeJong Annola
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of SB700, SB347, SB699, SB796
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Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the committee:

My name is Kara Murray, and I am a mother and small business owner from southwest Portland. I am also a member of the Portland chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense and we advocate for common sense gun legislation.

I am calling on State legislators to adopt **Bill 347** to give school districts the authority to ban guns on campus. Guns are designed to be lethal. Since the Sandyhook tragedy there have been at least four occurrences of gun incidents by lawful gun owners in the state of Oregon, that I personally am aware of. In December a man in Tillamook failed to notice that his loaded gun had fallen out of his pocket while in a movie theater, later to be discovered by two seventh graders. In February a woman in Bend accidently shot her husband when her gun fell out of her pocket. Again in February a misunderstanding after a fender bender in Woodburn escalated into a shooting. And this week a man accidently fired his handgun in a Troutdale apartment complex, sending a bullet through two neighboring units.

Do we want to see these types of accidents occur in our schools, endangering our children and teachers? Schools should be sanctuaries free of violence and weapons where children and educators can focus on learning. **Please adopt Bill 347** to give school districts the authority to ban guns from schools so they can keep children safe!

I am also calling on State legislators to adopt **Bill 700** for Universal background checks. This seems like basic common sense that we would want to ensure that any one purchasing a deadly weapon is legally permitted to do so.

I also support **Bill 699** to ensure citizens can not openly carry guns in buildings where public bodies are deliberating. It seems contradictory that we can not bring signs into the capitol buildings, but deadly weapons are allowed. How can citizens and legislators be expected to discuss controversial issues while some citizens, who may hold an opposing view, are armed. Can

this be seen as anything but intimidating?

I support **Bill 796** requiring Training for CHL. It makes little sense to require training to drive a car or even practice in many professions, none of which are designed to be lethal, while there is no training required to use a weapon designed to be lethal.

We can do better for our children and our community.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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