



**To: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee**

**From: Lt. John Troncoso, Keizer Police Department**  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

**Date: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Re: Testimony in Favor of SB 3**

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is John Troncoso and I am a Lieutenant with the Keizer Police Department. I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police to urge your support of SB 3 with the dash 4 amendment. With adoption of the dash 4 amendment, this measure provides that a second contempt of court for violating a restraining order may be charged as a crime to be called "Endangering a Person Protected by a Family Abuse Prevention Act restraining order." It is a class A misdemeanor, unless there is a previous conviction, and then it is a Class C Felony. In addition, it is a class C felony if the defendant recklessly creates a substantial risk of physical injury or intentionally attempts to place the person protected by the order in fear of imminent physical injury.

Restraining order violations represent one of the most dangerous events for victims and police officers. Potential lethality and additional physical/emotional abuse is a real danger to victims. The fact that a batterer would ignore the restraining order and contact the victim demonstrates the power and control issues that are a part of domestic violence cases. Repeated violations of restraining orders should be a crime, as is intentionally placing a victim in fear of serious physical injury.

In too many cases of domestic violence-related homicide, there were previous warning signs of further harm – violations of restraining orders. SB 3 gives police officers additional tools to protect victims from their batterers.