

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Member:

SB 525 would expand the definition of domestic violence beyond what any sane person would consider reasonable or necessary. Indeed, the proposed language would not do anything to improve prevention of domestic violence, but would prohibit firearms ownership to any person who, for example, was forced top lay hands on a drunken, abusive and combative relative.

Also, any Oregon judge may order the seizure of a person's personal firearms through the restraining order process without any appeal or due process. This unconstitutional provision would be corrected by committee approval of the "dash-1" modification to the bill's language. Everyone is entitled to due process, especially when a basic right is threatened by unproven and many times vindictive narratives.

Thank you for your consideration.

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