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Representative Jeff Barker, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, Hearing Room 343  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of SB 525-B, which prohibits gun ownership for individuals subject to a restraining order or who have been convicted of crimes involving domestic violence.

Public safety is a fundamental priority for the City of Portland and gun violence poses a serious threat to the security of our community.

Existing federal law already bars gun ownership in domestic violence cases, but it is only enforceable by federal agents, of which there are a limited number in Oregon. The risk of death or injury to a victim is greatest when a victim leaves an abusive relationship or shortly thereafter, which is why local law enforcement officers should be able to enforce the law and keep firearms out of the hands of abusers. SB 525-B gives local law enforcement the authority to enforce the law and keep firearms out of the hands of abusers. It is a common sense approach to implement federal law and keep domestic violence victims safe.

SB 525-B is a critical tool for local law enforcement to protect domestic violence victims and reduce gun violence in Oregon. We urge your support for SB 525-B.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman