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TO: Honorable Senator Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 868

Chair Prozanski and Members of the committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I serve as the State Senator for District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of west Portland.

I'm here today to discuss Senate Bill 868 and the -1 Amendment. This bill, with the -1 Amendment, creates the process for obtaining an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). This type of order prohibits a person in crisis from possessing firearms when they are found to be at imminent risk, or risk in the near future, of harming themselves or others. Under Senate Bill 868, family, household members, and law enforcement officers will be allowed to petition for an ERPO. Senate Bill 868 assures due process protections for the respondent, and requires that a respondent be informed of their ability to request a hearing. The -1 Amendment reflects technical changes to the language and brings additional clarity to ERPO procedures, such as a 24-hour grace period for surrendering firearms.

Often, family and household members are the first to recognize that an individual in crisis may be at a heightened risk of harmful behavior. Additionally, individuals in crisis who possess firearms are at a much higher risk of inflicting serious injury on themselves or others. We know that the clear majority of gun deaths in Oregon are self-inflicted, and that veteran communities are disproportionately affected by gun suicide.

Senate Bill 868 provides an essential tool for preventing imminent tragedy.

I strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 868.

