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Attachments: [I support SB 868 because firearm suicide is a leading cause of death in Oregon.pdf](#)

I support SB 868 because firearm suicide is a leading cause of death in Oregon, and it doesn't have to be that way. I lost a wonderful colleague because he bought a firearm and took his own life.

A gap in the current law makes it difficult for families and law enforcement to take action to intervene and limit a person's access to firearms when they're demonstrating signs of a serious crisis. An Extreme Risk Protection Order saves lives while ensuring all parties receive due process.

I support SB 797 because criminal background checks stop thousands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns each year. Senate Bill 797 will strengthen Oregon's gun violence prevention laws by: (1) prohibiting gun possession by abusive dating partners and stalkers, (2) closing the Charleston loophole and giving law enforcement enough time to complete criminal background checks before gun sales can proceed, and (3) ensuring that law enforcement officials are notified when criminals try and fail to purchase guns illegally.

Thank you,

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Re: Meeting on April 17, 2017