Testimony submitted on April 17, 2017

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

We write in support of SB 797 and SB 868. We are Oregonians who are Quakers and are in support of sensible gun safety legislation, which we see as an important Peace issue.

Not all Oregonians are supportive of a gun culture. For many of us, the idea of relying on guns for individual protection is foreign to our concept of right relations among citizens. We believe that access to guns for those who are a danger to themselves and others should be strictly limited, and therefore we heartily support the passage of SB 868 allowing for emergency protective orders and clearly providing for appeal and due process. We believe that adequate time for a thorough background check is essential, and therefore we heartily support the passage of SB 797, closing the so-called "Charleston loophole."

We urge you to support SB 797 and SB 868.

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