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Dear Senators,

I would like to speak in favor of SB797 (Close Charleston Loophole & Dating Partner Loophole, No Guns for Stalkers):

My name is Gene Stubbs, M.D. I am a retired Child Psychiatrist and am concerned about gun violence, especially toward women and children.

According to national police department statistics, nearly 50 American women are shot to death by former or current partners each month--more than one a day. An average of 760 Americans are shot to death by current or former partners each year, according to a 2016 Associated Press analysis of law enforcement data. Nearly 75% of the victims in domestic violence shootings were the current wives or girlfriends of the men who killed them.

I believe that closing the Charleston Loophole, the Dating Partner Loophole and not allowing stalkers to have guns would save lives.

Thank you,

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