



Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kelly Campbell, and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility. We are the Oregon chapter of an international organization of health professionals committed to protecting human life from the gravest threats to health and survival, and as part of that organization, we shared in the Nobel Peace Prize for our work for nuclear disarmament. We represent more than 2000 members throughout the state who care deeply about the health of our communities and believe we must employ sound public policy to protect public health.

Gun violence has reached epidemic proportions in our state and nation. In fact, the American Medical Association has declared gun violence to be a public health crisis. We have an alarming situation here in Oregon, with a gun death rate greater than the national average. From 2010 to 2014, more than 2,000 people in Oregon died from firearms injuries, with suicide accounting for more than half of these deaths. Fortunately, common sense prevention measures, such as Senate Bills 797 to close the Charleston loophole and SB 868, the Extreme Risk Prevention Order, can help get this epidemic under control. By voting for these bills today, know that you will be saving lives.

Doctors, nurses, and other health professionals in Oregon understand the urgency of this issue and are speaking out for common sense gun control measures that protect public health. I am submitting into the record today a letter signed by over 80 Oregon health professionals from across the state who urge you to pass Senate Bills 797 and 868 to protect the lives of Oregonians from gun violence. Evidence from other states shows that bills like these save the lives of individuals in domestic violence situations and those who are at high risk of attempting suicide.

**Board of Directors**

Michele Bernal-Graves, MS  
*Treasurer*

David Chatfield

Andy Harris, MD

Susan Katz, MD

*Vice President*

Chris Lowe, PhD

Elaine McKenzie, RN, MPH

Patricia Murphy, ND, LAc  
*Secretary*

Joel Nigg, PhD

Joan Nugent, RN, MN

Patrick O'Herron, MD

*President*

John Pearson, MD

**Advisory Board**

George Austin

Sonia Buist, MD

Martin Donohoe, MD

Ben Duncan

Yuri Hiranuma, DO

Charles Hudson

Zeenia Junkeer, ND

Philip Newman, MD

Bonnie Reagan, MD

Peter Spencer, PhD

Karen Steingart, MD, MPH

Frances Storrs, MD

Maye Thompson, RN, PhD

Jan Wyers



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 info@oregonpsr.org www.oregonpsr.org

I urge you to listen to the advice of Oregon doctors, nurses, and other health professionals and support Senate Bills 797 and 868 to save the lives of your fellow Oregonians.

Kelly Campbell

Kelly Campbell  
Executive Director



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720   info@oregonpsr.org   www.oregonpsr.org

Dear Legislator,

We are Oregon health professionals. We care deeply about the health of our communities and believe we must employ sound public policy to protect the public health. This approach is critical to reducing gun deaths and injuries in Oregon and across the United States of America.

Gun violence has reached epidemic proportions in our state and nation and should be understood and treated as a public health crisis. A public health approach has been successful in reducing death and disability from infectious diseases, automobile accidents, unsafe food, and consumer products, but similar strategies have not been put in effect to address injuries and fatalities from firearms. We see the tragic result of these policy failures in our work. Here in Oregon, there are more fatalities each year from firearms than from motor vehicle traffic accidents or unintentional poisoning.

As doctors, nurses, and other health professionals, we are writing an evidence-based prescription to address this issue: We call for your support of the following bills in the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session:

- SB 868 (Extreme Risk Prevention Order): 83% of gun deaths in Oregon are suicides. People experiencing a crisis may be at an elevated risk of suicide. Senate Bill 868 establishes an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) to empower families and law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies by establishing a civil court process to restrict access to firearms for up to a year based on clear and convincing evidence.
- SB 797 (Close the Charleston Loophole): 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.
- SB 1026 (Child Access Prevention): Oregon currently has no clear standard that firearms should be safely stored when a child could be present in the home. Senate Bill



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 info@oregonpsr.org www.oregonpsr.org

1026 makes it a crime to allow a child to gain unintended access to a firearm by failing to lock or properly secure it. The law would also educate the public by ensuring licensed gun dealers post the safe storage requirements in their business.

Many of these common sense policies are already in place in some form in a number of other states; each has been shown to reduce gun deaths and injuries. A majority of the Oregon public, health professionals, and gun owners alike strongly support these measures. It is time for the Legislature to take action to confront the epidemic of gun violence in our communities. Please join us in supporting these proposals.

Sincerely,

First Name	Last Name	Credentials	City	State
Karin	Olson	BSN	Beaverton	OR
William S	Herz	MD	Bend	OR
Elizabeth	Waldron	MD	Corvallis	OR
Roberta	Hall	PhD	Corvallis	OR
Debby	Vajda	LCSW	Corvallis	OR
Lee	Davis	PhD	Eugene	OR
Don	Dumond	PhD	Eugene	OR
Martin	Donohoe	MD, FACP	Lake Oswego	OR
Barbara	Manildi	MD	Lake Oswego	OR
Sheri	Ambrose	RPh	Lincoln City	OR
Susan	Katz	MD	McMinnville	OR
Laura	Hanks	PA-C	Milwaukie	OR
Marti	Franc	RN, MSN	Oregon City	OR
Kenneth	Robbins	RPh	Pendleton	OR
John	Gillette	MD	Portland	OR
Paula	Amato	MD	Portland	OR
Jennifer	Bevacqua	NP	Portland	OR
Naomi	Bloom	MSW	Portland	OR
Judith	Boothby	DC	Portland	OR
Nancy	Casey	NP	Portland	OR
Libby	Costello Gard	FNP	Portland	OR



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 info@oregonpsr.org www.oregonpsr.org

Rebekah	Creswell	RN	Portland	OR
Nancy	Crumpacker	MD	Portland	OR
Mark	Darlenzo	PhD	Portland	OR
virginia	Deldman	MD	Portland	OR
Nancy	Fleming	RN	Portland	OR
Layla	Garrigues	PhD, RN	Portland	OR
Kathryn	Glassberg	MD	Portland	OR
Robert	Goldman	MD	Portland	OR
Andy	Harris	MD	Portland	OR
Bev	Hedin	MS	Portland	OR
Susan	Kasd	FNP	Portland	OR
Teresa	Keane	NP	Portland	OR
Alexander	LaVake	MPH	Portland	OR
Richard	Lazere	PhD	Portland	OR
Christopher	Lowe	PhD	Portland	OR
Judy	Lubera	RN	Portland	OR
Carolina	Main	MPH	Portland	OR
Marianne	Mauldin	Physical therapist assistant	Portland	OR
Patricia	Murphy	ND, LAc	Portland	OR
Martha	Neuringer	PhD	Portland	OR
Kelly	O'Hanley	MD	Portland	OR
Patrick	O'Herron	MD	Portland	OR
John	Pearson	MD	Portland	OR
Madeline	Peyton	MPH	Portland	OR
Dianna	Pickett	RN, MSN	Portland	OR
Tomm	Pickles	DMD, MPH	Portland	OR
Jenny	Pompilio	MD, MPH	Portland	OR
Jessica	Quarles	BSN, MPH	Portland	OR
Dennis	Sweeney	MD	Portland	OR
Maye	Thompson	PhD, RN-ret	Portland	OR
Amy	Toengi	FNP	Portland	OR
David	Toffey	Medical student	Portland	OR
Theodora	Tsongas	PhD, MS	Portland	OR
Sara	Walker	PhD	Portland	OR



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 info@oregonpsr.org www.oregonpsr.org

Sherry	Archer	RN MSN	Portland	OR
Maree	Bento	LMT	Portland	OR
Marilee	Dea	NP	Portland	OR
Marian	Fish	DC	Portland	OR
Judith	Lienhard	RN	Portland	OR
Elaine	McKenzie	RN MPH	Portland	OR
Joel	Nigg	PhD	Portland	OR
Jessica	Nischik-Long	MPH	Portland	OR
Angeline	Palmer	DNP	Portland	OR
David	Snyder	RN, EMT/P (retired)	Portland	OR
Peter	Spencer	PhD	Portland	OR
Lauren	Titchener	MD	Portland	OR
M. Ann	Turner	MD	Portland	OR
Mike	Zotter	MS	Portland	OR
Rachel	Dummigan	FNP, MN	Portland	OR
Mike	LaPorte	RN	Portland	OR
Jim	Scott	MD	Portland	OR
Sarah	York	MD	Portland	OR
Marie	Napolitano	PdD, FNP, FAANP	Portland	OR
Lesley	Ryan	MD	Portland	OR
Donna	Wehrley	Occupational Therapist	Portland	OR
Maxine	Fookson	RN	Portland	OR
Emily	Lynn	MD	Portland	OR
Frances	Storrs	MD	Portland	OR
Edward	Orlowski	MD	Salem	OR
Jane	Orlowski	RN	Salem	OR
Gary T	Pederson	DDS	Salem	OR
Karen	DeBraal	LAc	Springfield	OR



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 info@oregonpsr.org www.oregonpsr.org



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

*The U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize*

1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275, Portland, OR 97205

Tel: 503-274-2720 [info@oregonpsr.org](mailto:info@oregonpsr.org) [www.oregonpsr.org](http://www.oregonpsr.org)