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I am writing in support of Senate Bill 797. This bill contains four different gun safety measures that will help protect Oregonians from gun violence. This important bill addresses dangerous loopholes in Oregon's state gun laws, including:

- Closing the "Boyfriend Loophole," by prohibiting abusive dating partners from having guns, an important measure that will protect women and children;
- Prohibiting convicted stalkers from buying or possessing guns;
- Requiring state officials to alert law enforcement when an individual who is prohibited from purchasing a firearm attempts to buy one illegally and fails a background check. This provision would provide law enforcement with the information to stop dangerous people before they can obtain a gun through other routes; and
- Closing the "Charleston Loophole," which allows a gun sale to proceed after three business days, even if the background check is incomplete.

Senate Bill 797 continues Oregon's leadership on gun safety measures. Oregon demonstrated its leadership on gun safety in 2015 by going beyond federal law and requiring criminal background checks for all gun sales, whether from a licensed dealer, at a gun show, or from a stranger online.

I support Senate Bill 797 and urge a yes vote on this bill.

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