

Dear Senators,

I'm writing in strong support of the common sense measures you are considering to try to address the epidemic of gun violence in Oregon. As a physician and a mother of two, I feel very strongly about this issue. There is so much that you can do as legislators to reduce senseless death, while preserving the right to own guns safely.

In particular, I strongly support SB 797, which would close a loophole in the background check system. Background checks are essential for gun safety, and should always be a part of a gun purchase.

I also strongly support SB 868, which aims to prevent suicide. Suicide is a tragedy that is made far easier by access to guns, and SB 868 would take a small step toward addressing that; if it saves even one life it would be worth it.

Thank you for considering support of SB 797 and SB 868. Your leadership on smart, sensible gun control could save the lives of many of our fellow Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Stacie Carney