

Dear Chair Williamson and Committee on Judiciary Members,

I am writing in support of HB 2013, to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you that gun violence is absolutely a national emergency. In regards to this bill in particular, keep these statistics in mind:

- Access to a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed.

- According to the Oregon Violent Death Reporting System, 62 percent of intimate partner homicide victims in Oregon were killed with a firearm between 2011-2015.

- The majority of mass shootings in the U.S. -- 54 percent -- are related to domestic or family violence.

I hope you will do your part to help protect more people from gun violence by voting to pass HB 2013.

We are looking to lawmakers like you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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