



Ceasefire Oregon

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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair

Re: Support HB 2013 – Relating to firearms prohibition in domestic violence court orders

Ceasefire Oregon has been working to reduce gun violence since 2000 through advocacy and education. We ask you to protect families and reduce gun violence by supporting HB 2013.

Intimate partner violence takes the lives of Oregonians every year.

- According to the Oregon Health Authority¹:
 - From 2003 to 2012, 256 people were killed in the context of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Oregon.
 - Most homicide victims were women and children.
 - More than 80% of female victims of intimate partner homicide were killed by their current spouses or boyfriends.
 - Most male victims are killed by someone other than an intimate partner.
 - Firearms are a common mechanism of death among IPV-related homicides.
- In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported² that homicide was the fifth leading cause of death for women between 18 and 44 years of age.
 - Over half of female homicides for which circumstances were known were intimate partner victim-related.
 - More than 90% of these women were killed by their current or former intimate partner.
 - Approximately 15% of female homicide victims of this age group were pregnant or postpartum.
- The risk of death increases five-fold when an abuser has access to a firearm.³
- American women are about 30% of all women in OECD countries, yet we make up 90% of all women in OECD countries who are shot to death.⁴

Clearly, more needs to be done to remove firearms from people convicted of domestic violence or who are under a court order to not possess firearms and ammunition.

HB 2013 provides detailed protocols for law enforcement to protect families and ensure laws are being enforced by removing firearms from people who have been prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

Please support HB 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.

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