

I'm writing to you today to state that I strongly support HB4005. In March of 1994 a good friend was murdered during a botched robbery by someone who stole an unsecured gun from a homeowner he had done yardwork for. Some of you may have heard of Bob the Weather Cat, but no one would have if my friend hadn't saved that wounded stray. She later made all his costumes, and he was written about in 1988 in People magazine. Far more tragically, she left behind two small children that she adored, but who were so young they likely have few memories of their mom. That was the first time it - gun violence - hit so close to me personally. Then came 2012. First Clackamas TC and then a week later... Sandy Hook should have turned the page on all of this. How a massacre of little kids wasn't the end of the arguments will always baffle and infuriate me.

My husband is related to one of the people this bill is named for. Silence is simply not an option. Please move this bill along and put another piece into place that can save lives.

Thank you,

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