

My sister, a divorced mother of 4, lives in Malheur County. Her ex-boyfriend is an abusive, active alcoholic. My sister has a restraining order against him, which he has violated. SB 554 would mandate that my sister, in her own home, lock up her defensive firearm, rendering it useless in the event that her ex-boyfriend breaks in. SB 554 puts my sister at needless, unnecessary, increased risk. Legislators in Salem, 400 miles away, secure inside their locked-down Capitol building, protected by Oregon State Police, want to dictate what my sister does with her defensive weapons in her own home. They don't know who is in the home. They don't know about the security of the home. They don't know my sister. They CERTAINLY don't know the nature of my sister's potential attacker. From over 400 miles away, in their safe space, legislators want to dictate a "one-size-fits-all" law which puts my sister, and many others, at increased risk. Besides likely being unconstitutional, this is absurd and wrong. Please vote "no" on SB 554. Kills this abuser-empowering, victim-victimizing bill in its tracks. Thank you.