

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Scott Bruslind. I am a resident of Linn County.

I write in support for HB 3513.

The intent of HB 3513 is suicide prevention and time and distance are key control points to reducing the incidence of gun suicide.

Safe storage laws increase time and distance between a person in a vulnerable state of mind and a firearm and have proven effective in the states of Louisiana and Utah.

Clarifying the intent to hold harmless anyone who aids in providing time and distance should be deemed equivalent to 'Good Samaritan' laws in rendering first aid.

HB3513 is a crucial 'spanner' in the mental health tool box, and the Oregon Health Authority grant program will promote safe storage availability.

Authorizing Federal Firearm Licensees to be part of the solution sends a powerful message to the firearm community that builds back a too often fraught working relationship between lawful firearm owners and their regulating authorities.

I urge passage of HB3513 without delay in this 2023 Legislative Session (82nd Legislative Assembly.)

Respectfully,

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