

March 29, 2023

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members and Staff,

I am writing in support of SB 348 which establishes procedures to apply for a permit to buy a gun.

I am the survivor of a suicide. My daughter's father/ex-spouse used a gun to end his life. He was able to obtain multiple firearms despite having bipolar disorder. He might be alive today were something like SB 348 in place.

I know personally that firearms in the home do not make us safer. A June 2022 study in the [Annals of Internal Medicine](#) is succinctly described [here](#) by the study's principle author. The study demonstrates the greater risk of homicide that is experienced when guns are in the home.

This week's mass shooting in Nashville, and shootings in Springfield, Roseburg and Clackamas here in Oregon demand that stronger gun controls be enacted. This committee has the opportunity to prevent deaths by virtue of SB 348. I have also copied Sen. Bonham and Rep. Helfrich on this testimony, so they are aware of this constituent's support of this bill.

Your good work on behalf of the people of Oregon is dearly appreciated.
Sincerely,

Judy Zimmerman