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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing today in support of SB 1503, the Task Force bill on gun violence prevention and firearm suicide prevention.

Gun violence in Oregon is a leading cause of death for children. Nationwide, CDC estimates firearms contributed to the deaths of more children ages 1-17 years in the U.S. than any other type of injury or illness.

I strongly support SB1503 and urge the Task Force to analyze and prioritize ongoing, sustainable funding for efforts for prevention work that is making the most meaningful, equitable impact, both for homicide and suicide prevention.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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