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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Dear Judiciary Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to talk to you about HB3075-1.

My name is Janey Paterno and I speak to you along with my husband, Joe Paterno.

We are members of Lift Every Voice Oregon. We served as Field Directors working with volunteers to get the necessary signatures to get this measure 114 on the November 2022 ballot and ultimately passed.

During our work we heard many stories, not only from our volunteer Circulators, but also the signature signers- Many stories involving homicides, suicides, and accidents effecting their families and community in general.

Volunteers from as young as a 12 year old middle schooler traumatized by her room being hit with inadvertent bullets from an assault rife, to a 94 year old senior citizen who lost his best friend from suicide at age 21. He subsequently became a counselor, focused on suicide prevention.

And so many more stories from thousands of volunteers who were motivated to help make a difference in their communities- feeling that “this is was something they could do”.

This was a “grass roots” effort with thousands of volunteers obtaining over 162 thousand signatures, well over the 112 signatures required to get on the November 2022 ballot. Signatures were obtained from every county in the state.

It has been over 2 years since voters all over our state passed this legislation. We receive calls and emails from our volunteers and voters asking- “WHEN WILL MEASURE 114 BE IMPLEMENTED?”

We feel encouraged by HB3075-1 and believe that it will make implementation of Measure 114 clearer and provide a smoother transition.

Please pass this bill out of committee and vote for it so that, after the court stay is lifted, it can be implemented AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to save lives and make our communities safer.

Thank you for your time and work.