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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Public Safety

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5014

Dear Co-Chairs Broadman and Evans, and Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety, I am an Oregonian writing to express strong support for Community Violence Intervention (CVI) program funding through the Oregon Department of Justice. Virtually all Oregonians want to decrease violence and increase safety in our communities. This was demonstrated by a unanimous vote of the Senate Committee on Judiciary to send SB 1015 to the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety for inclusion in Department of Justice appropriations. As a provider of behavioral health and addictions treatment, I have seen the tremendously negative consequences of interpersonal, firearm-related violence. Community-based violence intervention models reach neighbors most impacted by gun violence. These evidence-based programs establish partnerships with respected community members to engage individuals at highest risk for suffering from and perpetrating gun violence. We can and should increase the safety of all Oregonians with a multi-pronged, violence prevention and intervention approach that includes permanently funded CVI programs.

Sincerely,

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