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To: DeJong Annola
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 700
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Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the committee:

My name is Mary Senatori and I reside in northeast Portland.

I am calling on State legislators to **adopt Bill 700** to close the private sales loophole so criminals and dangerous people can't buy guns.

This is a loophole and by definition leads to abuse. Not abuse of some innocuous thing, but abuse of lethal weapons whose primary purpose is to kill living things.

Consider the story -- one of thousands -- of Zina Daniel, a mother who was murdered by her husband in October 2012. Although Zina had a restraining order against her husband, he was able to exploit the private sales loophole and buy a gun on the internet without a background check.

The argument that "criminals will find a way so why bother" holds no weight, otherwise why bother with any laws, why lock your door at night, etc. We BOTHER so that loving moms like Zina can live out their life and see their children grow.

The 2nd Amendment doesn't trump common sense or public safety. The ability to enjoy liberty and pursue happiness – let alone HAVE a life – is paramount in our society.

Please adopt Bill 700. Gun sales loopholes of any kind must be permanently closed.

Thank you,
Mary Senatori