

May 19, 2015

House Committee on Judiciary Representative Jeff Barker, Chair Members of the Committee

Re: Ceasefire Oregon supports SB 385

Dear Representative Barker and Members of the Committee,

Ceasefire Oregon has worked for the past fifteen years to reduce gun violence. We strongly support SB 385. Judges in justice, municipal, probate and juvenile courts should be enabled to restrict firearms and knives in their court facilities as they see fit.

Armed citizens in a court facility can lead to unintentional shootings or intimidation of citizens who are in the court facility to have their case heard in good faith.

Ceasefire Oregon urges this committee to approve SB 385.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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