

Attention: Chair Williamson, Co-Vice Chairs Sprenger and Gorsek, and Members of the House Committee of Judiciary:

I write in support of HB2013

My name is Jaime Carleton and I have lived in Oregon for over 40 years. I am a Domestic Violence Survivor. I know about firearms and domestic violence as I was fortunate enough to live through a situation when my abuser my x-husband, was in a fit of rage and had access to a shotgun and held a loaded shotgun to my head. At the time our youngest daughter who was only 14 months old walked into the room distracting her father with her presence. I believe this action saved my life. But all of us could have been killed. My children and I are lucky to have lived through this. At the time of this incident I had called the Women's crises center and a counselor Vieta that had been helping me came and calmed my husband down. This was a very lucky thing for my children and me and brave of the counselor. But many Domestic Violence victims are not as lucky. Many known abusers have access to guns. My x- husband had a lengthy history of domestic violence abuse, spent time in jail, and owned guns.

I know from experience that abusers use guns to intimidate and punish their victims. Its a way that abusers have power and control in Domesic Violence situations.

No one should lose a loved one because a firearm is in the possession of an abuser.

According to State Intimate Partner Violence,

"Women are victims in the vast majority (85%) of the nearly 1800 intimate partner homicides (IPH),"

According to Oregon Violent Death Reporting System Data Dashboard, in Oregon 62% of intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a firearm between 2011-2015.

HB 2013 would protect families in Oregon by requiring prohibited people who are either convicted of crimes related to domestic violence, stalking, or subject to final orders of protection to turn in their guns immediately.

State Legislaters need to act and fill in the deadly gaps in state laws that allow abusers easy access to firearms here in Oregon.

Our state needs to protect its citizens by keeping guns out of the hands of domestic violence abusers.

Our current Oregon law contains a deadly gap, as it does not require convicted abusers and stalkers or those subject to final protection orders to turn in the firearms they own, and this results in many people with histories of abuse to return home to their guns either from court or after completing a short sentence in jail.

HB 2013 would close this deadly gap by ensuring that there is a clear process for prohibited people to relinquish the firearms they already own.

I am Please urging you to pass HB2013 as domestic violence and guns are a deadly combination. Thank you for your time and consideration in this critical legislation

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