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HB 2676 - Crime Victims Compensation; I submit written testimony as a Survivor of gun violence, along with my family.

On February 28, 2021, my Son was murdered by gun in Portland, along with a friend who also did not survive. We still do not have a suspect in the double homicide.

In the last two years, we have been approached by many groups, one of which was the DA's Victims Advocacy group. We were told we had money to help with funeral expenses. We chose to have my sons battered body cremated, however, we were not ready to have a memorial service. We are still not ready to say goodbye to him! We plan to have a memorial this summer in California where Adam lived as a child. the compensation is no longer available to us.

Adams brother witnessed his shooting along with the other victim who died at the scene. My Son could not work for several months, suffering extreme emotional trauma from the event. He is self-employed, and lost income from wages from the death of his brother. Other family members also lost work time, over and above the typical 3 day bereavement work assistance. HB 2676 is important to my family because the term to sign up for assistance, and the length of time compensation is available is not reasonable for grieving families who've experienced a horrific crime like a homicide. Changing the minimal timeframe for families would allow time for processing and grieving, while not restricting compensation timelines. Thank you, and I pray none of you will have to live through the devastation of losing a loved one to a senseless homicide. Jesseye Arrambide