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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1503

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of SB 1503, the Task Force bill on gun violence prevention and firearm suicide prevention.

I submit this testimony as a concerned constituent, an educator who has presented on the topic of suicide at medical conferences, and a survivor of domestic violence.

Gun violence, including suicide, affects every community and demographic group in Oregon. Yet the way in which we lose people due to guns can vary tremendously by geography (rural, suburban, and urban), by age, and by racial/ethnic group. The Task Force provides an opportunity to understand, respond to, and ultimately prevent hundreds of violent deaths every year in our state. I urge you to take action on SB 1503.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony on this issue.

Sincerely,  
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