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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I am the Founder of the Oregon nonprofit The Soul Box Project, an art-based community-building tool used to raise awareness of the U.S. gun violence epidemic. In the seven years that I directed this Project I saw how dedicated Oregonians are to reducing gun related deaths and injuries. In 2021 we exhibited 200,000 Soul Boxes – each one representing a victim of gunfire – on the National Mall in Washington D.C. Now, it's futile to appeal to the federal government. States must take a strong stand on their own. We all supported HB3075-1 and it passed. Please get HB 3075-1 out of committee without delay so it is ready, as soon as the court's stay is lifted, for full implementation of Measure 114. We passed Measure 114 to reduce gun violence and suicides. It's time to begin saving lives.