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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1015

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

I am an Oregonian writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 1015 to fund Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs across the state through the Oregon Department of Justice. Virtually all Oregonians want to decrease violence and increase safety in our communities. As a provider of behavioral health and addictions treatment, I have seen the tremendously negative consequences of interpersonal, firearm-related violence. Community-based violence intervention models reach neighbors most impacted by gun violence. These programs establish partnerships with respected community members to engage individuals at highest risk for suffering from and perpetrating gun violence. We can and should increase the safety of all Oregonians with a multi-pronged, violence prevention and intervention approach that includes permanently funded CVI programs.

Sincerely,

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