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ACTION ALERT

Gun Legislation Hearing: Monday, April 17th 8am

Dear OPHA Members,

We are excited to share that two of the gun safety bills that OPHA has endorsed this session have been scheduled for a hearing in the Legislature this Monday, April 17 at 8:00 am.

We have a chance to show our support for both [SB 868](#): Extreme Risk Protective Orders, which allows family/household members to ask police to temporarily remove firearms from people in crisis, and [SB 797](#), which closes a background check loophole and strengthens protection for victims of domestic violence. Learn more about the bills here: <http://www.oregonpublichealth.org/legislative-updates>

We know this is a critical point in the legislative process and we hope we can count on your help to get these bills passed. **Legislators are getting a lot of feedback in opposition, so it is important to let them know that we support these bills and them in standing up to the gun lobby.**

Below are ways you can support this important legislation:

Testify in Salem

If you can, please testify in support of these bills at the State Capitol in Salem. If you can testify, or would like more information, please contact Jackie Zusi-Russell of the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety at jzusi@hilltoppublicsolutions.com.

Hearing details are as follows:

- Hearing in Senate Judiciary Committee on SB 797 and SB 868
- **Monday, April 17th at 8 am**, Room HR 50.
- Doors open and signing up to testify begins at 7 am. Hearing starts at 8 am

It is important that we testify to share with our Legislators why it is so important to take action on this legislation. Due to the high level of interest in these bills, the hearing may run long. Please plan on being there for majority of the day to ensure you have your chance to testify.

Submit Written Testimony

Even if you cannot make it to Salem, please consider submitting written testimony in support of the legislation. To submit your written testimony, please email: sjud.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov with the bill number and Senate Judiciary Committee in the subject line. In the email, please include your name and the hearing date with your testimony in PDF format. Written testimony will be accepted until 5 PM Monday, April 17th.

Email your Representatives

Your voice and support are critical for the 2017 Legislative session. With legislators on our side we can continue to reduce gun violence and increase gun safety in Oregon. Please call or email your representatives. You can also use these quick 'Contact your Legislator' tools from the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety to let your representative know you support this legislation.

Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety Email Tools:

- [Please Support Senate Bill 868: Extreme Risk Protection Order](#)
- [Please Support Senate Bill 797: Background Checks Save Lives](#)

Thank you,

OPHA Policy Committee & The Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety

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