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RE: Senate Bill 719A- OPPOSE:

Chair Williamson and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

On behalf of the Oregon members of the National Rifle Association, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 719A.

No Due Process for Oregonians

SB 719A would allow for an ex-parte protective order to remove your Second Amendment rights - not because of a criminal conviction or mental adjudication, but based on third party allegations and evidentiary standards far below those normally required for removing constitutional rights. As currently drafted, the respondent will first learn a protective order has been issued against them when law enforcement shows up at their door and requires them to surrender their firearms. Under SB 719A, the respondent loses a fundamental right without any notice of a judicial hearing, without the opportunity to be present, and without even being offered the opportunity to provide a written statement for the court to consider before removing their rights.

No Treatment or Intervention for At-Risk Individual

If an individual is truly dangerous, *existing law already provides a variety of mechanisms* to deal with the individual, all of which can lead to firearm prohibitions in appropriate cases. The issuance of a protective order does nothing to deal with the underlying cause of dangerousness, nor does it subject the person to any actual physical restraint, ongoing reporting, monitoring requirements, or treatment for any underlying mental health condition.

SB 719A Won't Prevent Tragedies

While the described intent of the bill is to prevent suicides, SB 719A would do nothing to actually prevent future tragedies. This law targets "deadly weapons" and ignores the fact that individuals can use other methods to inflict harm. This bill merely takes away a tool, but then continues to leave the individual at risk for harming themselves or others. Furthermore, no law can give police, or even family members, increased insight into human behavior and motivation.

Thank you for your attention, and again I would ask you to oppose SB 719A. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to discuss this bill further.

Sincerely,

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NRA-ILA State Liaison