

As you know, restraining and stalking orders are frequently used as weapons to remove the rights of gun owners with scant evidence that they are dangerous. These orders have become a common tool in divorces and when relationships break up. Under the current law, ORS 166.255, it is unlawful for a person to possess firearms if the court order was "issued or continued after a hearing for which the person had actual notice and during the course of which the person had an *opportunity to be heard* ."

Under this bill the person would lose his gun rights whether he chose to contest the order or not. This is a fundamentally unfair attack on a person whose only crime was having been accused of something even while convicted of nothing. Please let the members of the Oregon House Judiciary Committee know that you oppose expanding rights restrictions to those who have shown they are willing to comply with an order even with no evidence they have committed a crime.

No citizen should loose her/his rights without having their day in court!

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