

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Jan 30th, 2025 HB 1411
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Porter and the members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1411, because

1. People will die needless, tragic, and preventable deaths
2. This goes against our state’s goal of reducing suicide as delivered [within this state report](#)

As many of you may know, I’m a state researcher and work in suicide prevention. This crosses any sector that sees an increase in suicidality. This year we’ve seen a big increase in domestic violence. And this session we’ve seen a lot of bills that are addressing and improving the rights of survivors. This bill stands in contrast to that, which would prevent a woman from obtaining an ERPO on a man who is stalking and posing lethal danger to her.

I cannot for the life of me understand why we think this bill is necessary. Perhaps increasing the bar required to get an ERPO could be necessary if we felt they were being used maliciously, but a complete ban and felony charge for imposing them? Are we serious with that? Am I misreading?

For the families who lose husbands and fathers, for men who’d rather their gun be pried from their cold dead hands - what do we say to who is left? When we make guns easier to keep, than create help for people who are struggling, what are we saying?

This is legitimately the bill that scares me the most this session, because you can draw a line directly from this to someone dying. Most people who die of suicide, act on impulse. When we have a moment to talk to them, to get them help, even five minutes - so many can make a recovery. Please don’t do this. Please.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.
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