

Dear

Please reintroduce and support the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act that was tabled in 2019. Extreme risk laws provide important safeguards that will empower communities to prevent an individual in crisis from harming themselves or others by temporarily removing their guns and preventing the purchase of another. Fourteen states and Washington, D.C., have enacted versions of extreme risk laws. The Extreme Risk Protection Order Act would create a grant program that would incentivize states to pass and implement robust and effective extreme risk laws.

Extreme risk laws are designed to help people in crisis and save lives. In Connecticut, researchers estimated that a gun suicide was averted per 10-11 orders issued, and the implementation of extreme risk laws led to 44 percent of cases where people in crisis received psychiatric treatment they would not have otherwise received.

Gun owners and non-gun owners both overwhelmingly support extreme risk laws. A recent poll shows that 77% of gun owners and 85% of non-gun owners support extreme risk laws. By supporting an Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, you will stand with a majority of Americans who support this lifesaving, common-sense legislation.

Please file or support an ERPO bill this coming legislative session. It will save lives!

I will remember your hard work and courage on this issue when you are up for re-election.

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We need an Extreme Risk Protection Order to Keep Texans Safe! As you know, Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws are state laws that provide families and law enforcement officers with a formal civil legal process to temporarily remove an individual's access to firearms if they pose a danger to themselves or others.

An ERPO law in Texas could save lives just as they have in other states. Studies have shown the effectiveness of ERPO in preventing suicides, homicide and mass shootings. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have ERPO laws—including states with only Republican leadership and states with Republicans and Democrats sharing power in elected leadership. Safety is a bipartisan issue.

Please file or support an ERPO bill this coming legislative session. A Texas ERPO law is a no-cost solution that would help those who are at risk of harming themselves or others, protect the general public, and save lives.