



Legislative Action – *Working for Freedom from Gun Violence*

HB18-1436 "DEPUTY ZACKARI PARRISH III VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT"

Colorado Ceasefire has been working for the enactment of Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation in Colorado since 2016. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) provide a process to enable families and law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms from an individual who is at an elevated risk of danger to themselves or others. We urge the passage of this Act as a Colorado solution to a national crisis.

MARY BLEGEN will testify and review the states which have had this in place by 2017 and the "evidence" of its success. This is mostly the research in Connecticut and Indiana, and the court challenges in those two states as well as the Heller decision from a lay perspective. There is some anecdotal evidence of how the bill has worked in other states – but these are preliminary instances, and have not been subject to academic scrutiny.

Mary has strong knowledge of the policy and research around ERPO, and can answer questions in those areas.

TOM MAUSER will testify about recent cases in which the law would have helped - emphasizing the Colorado cases but also other states. And in addition, he has been contacted by a number of persons looking for help with their loved ones in crisis.

Tom has strong knowledge of effects of mass shootings on victims and family and can answer questions in those areas.

EILEEN McCARRON will testify about responses to arguments made against the ERPO bill.