EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS: EMPOWER FAMILIES TO SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT TRAGEDIES

The vast majority of people who commit mass shootings and suicides show signs of their intentions. Family members are often the first to see those signs, but under our current laws families are powerless to remove firearms from individuals who show signs of dangerous and violent behavior. We can change that.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders will empower families to prevent tragedies by temporarily preventing people in crisis from accessing firearms. Families and law enforcement can ask a judge for an Extreme Risk Protection Order if there is demonstrated risk of violent behavior against oneself or others. The subject of an Extreme Risk Protection Order will be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm for one year.

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SUICIDE: Zoe's daughter Dana was a successful writer who struggled with mental illness and depression. As her daughter's crisis worsened into threats of suicide, Zoe pleaded with the police to temporarily remove her daughter's guns, but there was nothing anyone could do until she attempted to harm herself. Within weeks, Zoe's daughter shot and killed herself.

"This Extreme Risk Protective Order is the most important thing to my life today." - Zoe Anne Moore

MASS SHOOTINGS: Sarah's cousin Veronika was a Washington native starting her first year at University of California Santa-Barbara. She was one of six people killed when a troubled young man with deep-seated rage against women went on a violent rampage in the streets of Isla Vista. Three weeks before the shooting, police conducted a wellness check on the shooter in response to his parents' imminent fears, but he was able to hide his intentions and an involuntary hold, the only option in place to keep him from accessing firearms.

"If Extreme Risk Protection Orders had existed, we would have been able to...prevent [Veronika's shooter] from what he did."

- Sarah Whitford





FAMILY TRAGEDIES: Marilyn's son was a bright young man, smart and independent, but he had trouble making friends and became isolated and depressed after a series of personal setbacks. After he threatened suicide, Marilyn sought help from police to prevent him from obtaining firearms. The police advised her there was nothing she could do under the circumstances. He shot and killed himself and his step-sister with a gun purchased legally at a local department store.

"If Extreme Risk Protection Orders had been law one year ago I believe my son and step-daughter would be alive, and I would have more time to get my son the help he needed." - Marilyn Balcerak