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**End Gun Violence Initiatives**

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**OR UU Voices for Justice supports the initiative campaign to end gun violence in Oregon**

**We are truly in an epidemic of gun violence.  
Now is the time for action!**

We are contacting you today on behalf of LIFT EVERY VOICE OREGON (LEVO). We have been working for over 3 years on Oregon Initiative Petitions, which, if approved by Oregon voters, would make Oregon communities safer by taking common sense measures to reduce gun violence. This year LEVO (and Oregon UU Voices for Justice) is ready to move forward again with two (2) new initiatives furthering our objective of ending gun violence. The two initiatives would

1. **ban future sales of all assault weapons.**
2. **require gun licensing.** Licensing laws ensure that gun owners have passed a background check and received training before purchasing a gun. This initiative also includes **restrictions on large-capacity magazines** to no more than 10 rounds.

**We need YOUR help!**

The **initial step** in placing these Initiative Petitions on the November, 2022 ballot is obtaining 1000 to 1500 qualified Oregon voter signatures; thus allowing the Oregon Attorney General to draft ballot titles and to certify the petitions for wider circulation.

To do this safely, we suggest a “drive thru” signature-gathering event at YOUR congregation and/or meeting space. All that is needed from YOU is your commitment! You would announce this event to your congregation/member supporters and find volunteer signature gatherers whom would be scheduled during the weekend of Friday-Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. These volunteers would safely gather signatures by masking and distancing while handing signature sheets to signers along with a sanitized pen. The signers would remain in their vehicles and safely sign the signature sheets.

**LEVO will have a press conference on Friday, April 30th** to announce this weekend signature gathering event to the general public. We will have a virtual ZOOM meeting with participating organizations during the first week of May to provide signature-gathering instructions, and answer any questions. Several days prior to the signature gathering weekend, a packet with the signature sheets and initiative petitions will be provided. The process should prove fun and be relatively easy.

**Please respond back to LEVO at your earliest convenience.** Please provide your name and contact information, congregation name and location (City) and if you want to lead the effort at your congregation or are volunteering to collect signatures. Someone from the LEVO Advisory Team will contact you to confirm your participation and answer any initial questions.