

**PREPARED STATEMENT ON
EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS
BEFORE THE PA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

Madame Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, My name is David Bowie and I appreciate the opportunity to address this critical issue of gun violence in the Commonwealth.

I am opposed to the legislation that is currently pending before the Committee.¹ Also, I do not support Governor Wolf’s Executive Order of August 16, 2019. The Governor’s response to the problem of gun violence is more bureaucracy, which in my view will do nothing to reduce or prevent further violence in our Commonwealth.

The Constitution provides basic and fundamental protection to our rights. Specifically, the right to be “secure in our person, papers, and effects.” To be “protected against unreasonable searches and seizures.” To be able to confront the witnesses against you, and to be provided equal protection of the law.

The Constitution also provides that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. Clearly, extreme

¹ SB 90 PN 244

risk protection orders are completely arbitrary and run contrary to these protections.

Proponents of ERPOs, claim that these laws will prevent further violence, but in the final analysis, however these laws are nothing more than backdoor gun confiscation, which violate the protection of the Second Amendment.

In conclusion, ERPOs will do nothing to reduce or prevent gun violence and will deny basic constitutional protection. These laws just be rejected.

Thank you, again for allowing me to express my views on this critical issue.

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