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A RESOLUTION TO: Support the consideration of the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act and the corresponding amendments to 1927 PA 372 introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives as [H.B. 4706](#) and [H.B. 4707](#), respectively.

Recognizing, that five states, including Indiana, Connecticut, California, Washington, and Oregon have already passed similar legislation to allow courts to limit individuals' access to firearms based on filings by a family member¹;

Recognizing, that in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018, states like Iowa and Illinois are open to enacting more gun control legislation than ever before²;

Recognizing, that, in contrast, the state of Michigan has allowed multiple pieces of gun control legislation to stagnate in committee since 2017³;

Whereas, passing this resolution will allow us to show support for this legislation and will ideally help to pass these bills into law;

Recognizing, that Representative Jim Runestad, chairman of the the House Judiciary Committee, has expressed new openness to hearing H.B. 4706 and H.B. 4707 since the events in Parkland⁴;

¹ *Five states allow guns to be seized before someone can commit violence*, The Washington Post, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/five-states-allow-guns-to-be-seized-before-someone-can-commit-violence/2018/02/16/78ee4cc8-128c-11e8-9570-29c9830535e5_story.html?utm_term=.9cd149ac4118.

² *After Parkland, States Take A Fresh Look At Gun Legislation*, NPR, <https://www.npr.org/2018/02/21/587539559/after-parkland-states-take-a-fresh-look-at-gun-legislation>.

³ *Here are the gun bills pending in the Michigan legislature*, MLive, http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/11/heres_every_gun_bill_pending_i.html.

⁴ *Will Florida school shooting nudge Michigan to pass 'red flag' gun laws?*, The Bridge, <http://www.bridgemi.com/public-sector/will-florida-school-shooting-nudge-michigan-pass-red-flag-gun-laws>.

Recognizing, that these bills are still in committee and are still active bills which can be heard in this legislative session, as the 2016-2018 legislative session does not end until December 31st, 2018⁵

Recognizing, that the Speaker of the House for Michigan's House of Representatives is looking to the House Judiciary Committee to lead future action on the issue of gun control⁶;

Recognizing, that a Personal Protection Order and an Extreme Risk Protection Order are different in that an Extreme Risk Protection Order is not necessarily for the safety of the filer, but for the general concern for the safety of others.

Whereas, most states have laws that mirror federal gun prohibitions for the mentally ill, they are limited in that they don't provide a process for law enforcement or family members to disarm dangerous individuals who haven't been adjudicated mentally ill or committed to a mental institution.⁷

Recognizing, that many states' laws against domestic violence only prevent abuse against an identifiable person, and do not allow an individual to seek an order generally restraining a dangerous person's access to guns.⁸

Recognizing, Michigan's Personal Protection Order process is weak as it stands, as it leaves a void that allows tragedy to occur, and this can only be remedied by additional policy, as asserted by former Lansing mayor Virg Bernero⁹.

Realizing, that the passage of this legislation will help promote campus safety at Grand Valley State University and other campuses across the state;

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the swift consideration of H.B. 4706 and H.B. 4707 by the Michigan House Judiciary Committee.

⁵ Michigan Legislature, Search Criteria: Legislative Session = 2017-2018; Full Text (Bill Documents Only) = "gun"
[https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(hycsplavrszgre2ftliqjcfx\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=home](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hycsplavrszgre2ftliqjcfx))/mileg.aspx?page=home)

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Extreme Risk Protection Orders, Giffords Law Center,
<http://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/who-can-have-a-gun/extreme-risk-protection-orders/>

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Minock, Nick. Michigan bill would allow judges to take away guns from mentally ill people, NBC 25,
<http://nbc25news.com/news/state/michigan-bill-would-allow-judges-to-take-away-guns-from-mentally-ill-people>