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**State Senator**  
**District 20**

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**TO:** Lori Brocker, Secretary of the Senate  
**FROM:** Senator Mark Meek  
**SUBJECT:** Vote Explanation: Motion to Withdraw SB 649

**Secretary Brocker,**

I voted no on today's procedural motion to withdraw SB 649 from committee. My vote was on the motion and not the actual bill itself.

Nothing is more important to me than the safety of our families and communities. Oregonians are expecting us as legislators to work together and deliver real solutions to our state's most pressing problems, including gun violence and public safety. My vote on the motion to withdraw SB 649 should not be misconstrued as disapproval of the legislation or undermining the importance of this topic. As a father and a veteran, I am passionate about making Oregon a safer place for everyone to live, work and raise a family.

My public safety priorities are simple. Fund law enforcement. Hold violent criminals accountable. And keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of those who would cause harm to others.

Taking a bill out of committee is a procedural move that stops lawmakers from hearing opinions, thinking about necessary changes, or checking how it affects the state budget before making a new law. I stand ready to work with all lawmakers – in both parties – to deliver real solutions that will reduce gun violence and improve safety for every Oregon family. Our constituents deserve nothing less.

**Sincerely,**

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