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## Representative Piluso attends White House summit on preventing gun violence

Gresham Representative among state and local officials invited to the White House 50 States Convening on Gun Violence Prevention

**GRESHAM, OR**— Representative Carla Piluso (D-Gresham) is honored to have been among the state and local leaders invited to the White House to participate in the 50 States Convening on Gun Violence Prevention. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, elected officials from across the country gathered in Washington, D.C. to discuss the wide range of gun violence prevention actions being taken at state and local levels, and future opportunities for impact.

Rep. Piluso was joined by Mayor Tom Barret of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to speak on a panel on Improving Background Checks and National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Reporting. Other panels included Smart Gun Safety and Technology, and State and Local Action on Preventing Gun Violence and Domestic Violence. “It was an honor to have the opportunity to share Oregon’s successes and to learn from leaders from across the country,” Rep. Piluso said of the event. “I have devoted most of my career to keeping our communities safe, including working to prevent gun violence. This continues to be one of my priorities and I pledge to continue working to curb domestic violence and improve our background check system.”

During the 2015 Legislative Session, Rep. Piluso worked to pass SB 941 to expand background checks to private and internet gun sales. She was also instrumental in passing SB 525, to disarm domestic abusers. These bills follow a long law-enforcement career, and decades of work on reducing domestic violence.

President Obama has made a commitment to reducing gun violence, and in January released a list of executive actions which can be taken to move forward on this goal. Officials discussed these ideas and others at the Center for American Progress prior to the White House event. Rep. Piluso is excited to return to Gresham with fresh ideas and perspectives on how the state legislature can continue to reduce senseless gun violence in Oregon.

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