



## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 197 FOR HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

I am submitting this statement in support of Senate Bill 197 which will limit access to firearms for those subject to domestic violence protective (or other pretrial) orders and domestic violence convictions. I have also asked my Deputy who supervises our felony domestic violence work, Tim Johnson, who has served for many years as the Chair of the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board, to appear today to testify before the House Judiciary Committee in support of this bill. This bill is a common sense, reasonable effort to limit access to firearms to persons at a time that can be emotional and very dangerous. I am convinced that the strict approach Colorado has taken to domestic violence in the past is one of the reasons that we are seeing a decline in homicide rates and other serious violence. This bill is reasonable and fair and I strongly support it. Tim Johnson will be happy to answer any questions, or feel free to contact me directly at my cell (303) 668-3113, or email: [sgarnett@bouldercounty.org](mailto:sgarnett@bouldercounty.org).

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