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Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the committee:

My name is Mary Senatori and I reside in northeast Portland.

I am calling on State legislators to **adopt Bill 347** to give school districts the authority to ban guns on campus.

Guns are lethal weapons designed to kill living things. Schools should be sanctuaries free of violence and weaponry where children and educators can focus on learning. While guns may provide a defensive recourse on extremely rare occasions where violence is threatened, study after study shows they are many times more likely to be used offensively, either by accident or intention. A negligible threat is not worth the huge risk that innocent bystanders will be gravely or even fatally injured.

Guns and children don't mix. **Please adopt Bill 347** to give school districts the authority to ban guns from schools so they can keep children safe!

Thank you,
Mary Senatori