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To the Oregon Senate:

Northeast Neighbors Neighborhood Association (NEN) in Salem, Oregon strongly supports the modification of state statutes to allow a municipality or local town the option to adopt an ordinance to limit the possession of firearms in public buildings, public spaces, and municipal parks.

Northeast Salem neighborhoods have experienced many shootings, which sadly included two youth being killed in Englewood Park and Hoover Park. We want to advocate for families and individuals in our community to be able to enjoy being in public spaces without fear or intimidation of firearms being openly carried.

We recommend that SB 554A allow a local option to include a city's parks and public spaces adjacent to public buildings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lynn Takata  
Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Chair  
Salem, Oregon

Cc:

Honorable Senate President Peter Courtney  
Honorable Senator Ginny Burdick  
Honorable Governor Kate Brown  
Honorable Mayor Chuck Bennett