

SB554-A20 is an important and timely bill as we witness an epidemic of gun violence in America. Families have been devastated. These survivors will most likely experience intense fears and they'll find it disturbing to encounter people openly carrying dangerous weapons.

I, too, am a survivor of gun violence. A few years ago I personally was unable to attend an Oregon Legislature session regarding gun violence because there were people carrying frightening weapons in and around the Capital to make a statement. I deserve to attend sessions at the Capital or in my local government buildings without worrying about my safety every moment.

Our communities can only thrive in a culture of civility. Carrying dangerous weapons in schools, places of government, airports, churches and universities does not promote civility. Further, the safe storage of weapons can reduce accidental children's deaths and suicides in our communities.

Please support SB554-A20.