

I am writing to urge support for SB554-A20 to allow guns to be prohibited from schools, universities, airports, and the Capitol as well as requiring secure storage of firearms. When firearms are allowed in sensitive or dangerous places, we are needlessly endangering the lives of whoever is present. Contrary to what the gun lobby would like us to believe, it is a myth that gun free zones invite gun violence. According to the Giffords Law Center, "since 1966, the overwhelming majority—nearly 90%—of all mass shootings resulting in six or more deaths have occurred wholly or partly in locations where civilian guns were allowed or there was armed security or law enforcement present." Firearms should be securely stored at home and away from folks who are trying to live their lives, be it studying, traveling, legislating etc.