

Dear Chair Senator Prozanski, Vice-Chair Senator Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

My name is Mason Drummond and I'm a High School junior in Portland, Oregon. I am testifying today in support of SB 554, to keep guns out of schools and ensure that we can make safe choices for our communities.

As a student, I don't feel safe knowing that myself or my friends could be around guns when we're in public spaces or at schools. Our generation is one that has grown up knowing the fear of gun violence, and that fear increases when anyone around us in public spaces may be carrying a concealed firearm.

Research shows that guns on campus are likely to increase gun violence. You have a responsibility to pass SB 554, and to make sure that guns stay out of places where danger and gun violence are risks. SB 554 enables us to make safe choices for our communities and our students.

Thank you,  
Mason Drummond