

I am writing in support of this legislation and believe it should go further. I believe Oregon has the right to pass legislation that allows any municipality to ban ALL weapons in public places, including parks, buildings, ports, community centers, etc.

I was first confronted by a man with an open carry weapon about 8 years ago. I had my 3 grandchildren with me at a local playground. They were 8, 5 & 4. The only responsible thing I could teach my grandchildren is that when they see someone with a weapon, they must run & hide or leave. They can't sit around on the swings or slides and wonder if the man will shoot them. They shouldn't have to live that way, for one thing, but the seconds taken to decide about a "good guy with a gun" are the seconds that will cost their lives.

We've seen the result of a decade of pushing for ever expanding "gun rights" in this country. It has ended with the Oregon State Capitol overrun by people with weapons, on more than one occasion. We've seen the same in Michigan that included people who later plotted to kidnap & kill the Governor. Finally, we've seen the ultimate abuse of the 2nd Amendment with the insurrection at the US Capitol in an attempt to stop the certification of a duly elected President.

It is time to say NO, and put every limit on the 2nd Amendment that the Supreme Court allows. Even Justice Scalia said there are limits to the 2nd Amendment.

Remember, "unity" is looking to what the majority of voters say - not the radicals in today's Republican Party. Oregonians are done with terrorists with guns.