I am writing in support of SB 554.

SB 554 will help keep guns out of schools and off college campuses and will empower local officials to make the public safety decisions that are right for their communities.

Research shows that allowing guns in sensitive places is likely to lead to more shootings, homicides, and suicides. Additionally, allowing guns is unlikely to prevent mass shootings.

With the rise in anti-democratic extremism, we need to make sure local officials have the tools they need to protect public safety.

SB 554 will help give local officials the tools they need to protect buildings essential to the functioning of government and civil society.

I urge you to pass life-saving SB 554!

Sincerely, Colette DeWitt