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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2007

Dear Committee Members,

I write to express my opposition to this poorly intentioned bill. I find it interesting that the Democratic party sees fit to go to war against the class of gun owner that represents absolutely no threat to the public safety, that is the individual licensed to carry a concealed handgun. This bill would create a patchwork of locations, or areas adjacent to them, that would ensnare CHL holders and criminalize them. It appears this bill modeled on the legislation passed in New York designed to make carrying a concealed handgun unrealistic because it will create so many off limit locations.

This bill is a spiteful and vindictive bill, like SB554 that passed in the last legislative session. SB554 criminalized parents or loved ones from picking up, or dropping off their kids, or loved ones from a public school or airport. This despite the fact there has never been any shooting at a school, or airport by a person licensed to carry a concealed handgun in at least the 21 years I have lived in Oregon. In Oregon we have violent crime running rampant in the state because of the policies of our leadership in the major cities and state government. We have a depleted police force with criminals running the show, and escaping accountability with impunity. Unless I'm inside a building or other location where everybody is screened for weapons, I could be a victim of crime anywhere else in the state.

This bill is a charlatan, being peddled by disingenuous politicians trying to sell public safety when once again, anybody with a brain realizes it will achieve nothing. Show some integrity and just say you propose this bill because you have nothing but contempt for the state's CHL holders, the same people who avail themselves to a training course and a background check to hold such a license. This does absolutely nothing to enhance public safety. I oppose this bill, and urge you to vote no on HB2007.

Thank you,

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