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

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Wallan and members of the committee,

Please support HB 2007, authorizing local governments to ban concealed carry possession of firearms in certain public buildings and adjacent grounds.

I have become an advocate for stronger gun safety measures following the death of my sweet, 10-year-old grandson by gun suicide. His death has made me much more aware of the harm that unfettered access to guns has led to in our country and our state of Oregon.

Courthouses and government buildings are targets for politically-motivated violence. For public safety and the health of democratic institutions, guns should be prohibited in these places. Local governments should have the ability to prohibit guns if they are concerned about potential violence in their communities.

Thank you,
Sylvia Banks