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

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

As both an educator and a parent, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our students and communities. Under current law, people with concealed carry licenses are allowed to carry firearms in public buildings where guns are otherwise prohibited. This poses a serious threat to the safety of our children and families, and we need to take immediate action to address this issue.

I am writing to express my support for HB 2007, which would give local governments the authority to make public safety decisions to prohibit all guns on municipal property if they so choose. As parents, we need to feel confident that our kids are being provided a safe place to receive their education, and allowing firearms in public buildings undermines this sense of security.

As an educator, I have seen firsthand how guns in schools can lead to fear and anxiety among students and staff. Allowing guns on municipal property can also deter parents from visiting schools, community centers, and other public buildings, which further harms the community's social fabric.

By passing HB 2007, we can empower local governments to make decisions that prioritize public safety and ensure that our communities remain safe and secure. This bill is a common-sense measure that will help keep our children and families safe from the devastating effects of gun violence.

I urge you to support HB 2007 and take action to protect our communities from the dangerous effects of firearms in public buildings.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Amy Joynt