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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose HB 2007 ~

We have the right of self-defense and should be able to exercise that right even when we are in a public place.

The passing of HB 2007 would weaken Oregon's preemption law to allow localities to prohibit concealed carry in public buildings and on their grounds. Such preemption make these so-called "Gun Free Zones" safer as the criminal may consider them to not be "soft targets."

Oregon's Preemption is meant to prevent localities from passing their individual anti-gun ordinances and creating a confusing patchwork of gun laws where citizens across the state do not have the same rights. The passing of HB 2007 would result in vast expansions of ineffective gun-free zones, that invite crime. This Bill (2007) would weaken Oregon's Preemption Laws and by allowing localities to restrict carry, this will also create more arbitrary zones where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless against criminals who ignore such boundaries. Concealed carry permit holders are among the most law-abiding citizens of Oregon. They don't commit crimes; if they did commit a crime, they wouldn't be eligible for the permit. Concealed Permit holders are not the problem, they should not be punished and placed in danger by nefarious and unnecessary legislation.

Again, I am opposed to HB 2007