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Re: HB 2007 – Relating to firearms in public areas –

Take a breath. Step back. I am surprise to see so many people support such a weak unconstitutional bill being presented. The first thought is, people saying this will prevent violent behavior. Come on now! How will a sign stop criminals or banning guns from certain public buildings? It hasn't worked yet for people bringing stuff on private property! All the places that said "no guns allowed" were the places that had the issues. For instance, in CO, the guy who shot up the movie theater, said he picked that place because of the sign.

Why do you think criminals never shoot up a police station?

Also, as a woman who was attacked and much worst in Chicago where guns aren't allowed, I was helpless to my attacker. Do you women (mostly) think that if you were in a place that said "no guns allowed" makes you safer. It just puts you as a target for men who can easily over power you. I don't want to be a victim again. I became an advocate for women to carry firearms! I am a trainer and a license FFL dealer. I help women get trained so they can carry always. The world doesn't stop being crazy because you fear/or don't like guns. In fact, most criminals hope you can't fight back. In the state of Oregon were sex trafficking is amongst the highest on 1-5, I couldn't imagine not having something to help defend my life. What is your life worth to you? You think you care about our health and life? No you don't! These bills are coming from politicians who are surrounded by armed bodyguards. And before you say they have more training, I am here to tell you, that is wrong. Most of us gun advocates like myself train daily with them. My husband was LE and military and I can contest to you that the training is no where near what we do. Not putting down LE or Military, but let's be real, you don't pay them enough for training. TThey only qual every 6 months or 1 year in some places with their guns.

And with the lack of police, who is going to protect you? No one will. Or do you think that suddenly saying no guns here or else jail is going to stop someone? Not a chance. They know Oregon releases criminals back to the street. Just look at all the evidence.

When we got our CHL and we teach CHL classes, we go over safety, laws, guns and ammo, live shooting and much more. We also teach advanced shooting courses as well. Why would anyone want to restrict CHL holders when they are not only Law

Abiding non criminals who does background checks on them and they have been through a safety course and much more.

With SB554 you took CHL holders and made them more of a criminal. You gave the schools the right to reject them. Let me ask you this? How many CHL holders have committed a crime? 0! None have done anything. We have been more than patient with jumping through these hoops to carry unlike 25 states who have become a Constitutional carry state because their politicians know that it is the right thing to do. They are for freedom. For people to be able to carry their god giving rights. If someone breaks the law, than arrest them and take their rights away. that is how this works.

Public buildings is just that. It is public. We pay for it, we should be able to exercise our rights on public ground. no one has a right to say yes or no on carry firearms on public grounds.

Stop going after Law Abiding Citizens. This doesn't make people safe. It doesn't make any sense on why you think you can control our bodies from being able to protect ourselves from criminals who want to do harm. I know you like criminals in this state, but enough is enough. I will not allow a politician who is protected to take away my rights to protect me and my family.

Thanks.