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

House Committee on the Judiciary
March 22, 2023
Re: HB 2007

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary;

I write in support of HB 2007. As a parent, PTA board member, and a person of faith, it is important to me that Oregon do all it can to prevent gun violence. Every step to save lives matters.

Allowing local jurisdictions to have the choice to ban firearms on their property is a reasonable measure that allows local decision-making about safety. Municipalities should be able to set these security rules for their grounds and buildings. The public deserves to know where they can more safely access public services by knowing where firearms are restricted.

Reducing gun violence in our country will take all of us working together. Gun owners must do their part to demonstrate responsibility. Lawmakers and community leaders must ensure our laws protect children and other vulnerable populations. Unfortunately, we have seen the sad reality play out in our communities, with Oregonians dying from acts of mass violence, from suicide, and from accidents with lethal weapons. We need our thoughts and prayers to motivate action for common sense gun safety today.

Please support HB 2007 for a safer future.

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