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HB2007 is a solution in search of a problem. Concealed handgun licensees are among the least likely people in our society to commit crimes. Statistically they are less likely than police officers to commit a crime. They have taken a training class, submitted to an extensive background check, been fingerprinted, and had to provide personal references.

Where is the list of crimes committed by CHL holders? Where are the headlines about accidental discharges? They are non-existent. Approximately 1 in 20 Oregon residents have a CHL. That's a couple of people in every grocery store, a couple of people in every crowded restaurant. Where is the problem?

HB2007 will make a confusing patchwork of no carry zones that will make it impossible for people to legally carry in Oregon. They will violate the law by simply driving down the street or dropping off a child at school. And for what? What problem does this law solve? Criminals will ignore it, as they do the requirement for a CHL. We will disarm only the innocent citizens who have stopped mass shootings many times with their legally carried handguns. HB2007 will make Oregon a more dangerous place, not a safer place.