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Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair  
House Committee On Judiciary  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan and Andersen, and Members of the Committee,

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 270,000 residents in and around Beaverton, Oregon. Established over 65 years ago, THPRD's mission is to provide natural areas, high-quality park and recreational facilities, programs, services, and natural areas that meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves. We strive to provide all individuals the opportunity to play, learn, and explore, and all employees and volunteers the opportunity to further the district's mission. We do this by removing barriers to participation, fostering an inclusive culture, and offering programs that celebrate the district's diverse population.

On behalf of the THPRD board of directors, I'm writing to express the district's support for HB 2007, which allows local governments to adopt restrictions regarding the possession of firearms in their public buildings and adjacent grounds. Recognizing our commitment to the safety of our patrons and community members, we believe the ability to regulate the presence of firearms within and around our facilities is an important step to help us achieve that goal. Additionally, THPRD seeks to reduce and de-escalate assaults on parks and recreation workers - removing potential firearms from those situations makes them that much safer.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony. Please contact Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager, at [a.panas@thprd.org](mailto:a.panas@thprd.org) or by phone at 503-816-5804, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicita Monteblanco".

Felicita Monteblanco  
President, THPRD Board of Directors