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

Hello,

I strongly oppose HB2007. I advocate for responsible firearm ownership in the state of Oregon. I have great concern over the patchwork of "no carry" areas that this new law would create for lawful concealed handgun owners. These are the citizens that have gone to training, maintained clean records and obey the law. This new bill would have the unintended consequence of turning your average citizen into a criminal when they accidentally walk into a park or public space from one city or county to the next. Don't put your name behind something that makes your friendly neighbor a criminal on accident.

We should also be concerned this law would lead to more citizens defaulting to leaving a firearm in their car rather than carry in a public space for fear of violating the specific policy, ordinance or regulation banning concealed carry from one space to the next. The result will be a higher amount of firearms left unsecured and unattended in vehicles with more firearms falling into the hands of criminals. This situation can be prevented and you can save lives with a no vote on HB 2007.

You have a well trained, disciplined group of concealed weapons holders that want to do the right thing. Don't leave them defenseless at a time when crime and drug abuse is high and has citizens justifiably concerned for their safety. Do the right thing and vote no on HB 2007 and protect our citizens and public spaces. I oppose HB 2007.

Thank you,  
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