

OREGON STATE SENATE

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To: House Committee on Judiciary in support of HB 2007

Chair Kropf, Vice Chair Anderson and Wallan and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of House Bill 2007. This bill expands the provisions of SB 554 from 2021 and authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities to adopt a policy prohibiting the concealed carry of firearms in public buildings and adjacent grounds. School districts across Oregon have already put provisions of SB 554 in place, making their buildings a safe space for all who enter. We need to continue this important work by expanding this provision to public buildings as well.

We have a public health emergency in Oregon related to gun violence and need to take every step we can to ensure the safety of those in our community. This bill is another assurance we can provide our constituents who are asking for common sense legislation to prevent gun violence. Everyone deserves the right to live free from fear. I respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

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