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

I fully oppose HB 2007. It is not the right choice for the good citizens of the great State of Oregon

These are just a few reasons below HB 2007 is not the right choice for Oregon.

1. Violates Second Amendment rights: House Bill 2007 infringes upon the Second Amendment

rights of citizens to bear arms by allowing public entities to adopt policies that prohibit concealed handgun licensees from carrying firearms in public buildings and adjacent grounds.

2. Makes citizens vulnerable to attacks: By prohibiting concealed carry in public buildings and

adjacent grounds, House Bill 2007 leaves citizens vulnerable to attacks from criminals who do

not follow gun laws. This law will disarm law-abiding citizens who are in public areas where they

may need to defend themselves.

3. Disrespects local governments: House Bill 2007 overrides the decisions made by local governing

bodies that have opted to allow concealed carry in public buildings and adjacent grounds. This

law disrespects the authority of local governments to make decisions that best represent the

values of their communities.

4. Creates confusion for concealed handgun licensees: House Bill 2007 creates confusion for

concealed handgun licensees who are trying to navigate a patchwork of different policies

adopted by public entities. This law makes it difficult for licensees to understand where they can

and cannot carry their firearms.

5. Punishes concealed handgun licensees unfairly: House Bill 2007 imposes disproportionate

penalties on concealed handgun licensees who violate policies adopted by public entities. This

law results in a Class A misdemeanor conviction punishable by 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250

fine, or both, for those who carry firearms in buildings or on grounds subject to such policies.

This penalty is unfair and unjustified for those who are law-abiding citizens exercising

their right
to bear arms.