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I am writing in opposition of HB2007 which will allow government agencies and localities to further restrict concealed carry rights of law abiding Oregonians. This bill would create more confusing arbitrary zones where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless against criminals who ignore such boundaries. This will have the result of making normally law-abiding citizens criminals simply by their presence in the public. Are we to leave our lawfully possessed firearms in our cars while we enter these control zones, or should we simply hide them under a rock while we are doing our regular business activities if we happen to enter one of these areas?

While the legislature ignores the rise in violent crime, you want to make us, the citizens, more helpless. "Shut up, give us your guns, and pay more taxes you stupid plebs" is all I ever hear from Salem. Meanwhile there are daily shootings in Portland - not once has there been law abiding citizens with a legally owned weapon involved. How about you unleash the police and let them profile criminals or would that hurt someone's feelings? The fact is that the legislature doesn't give two cents about crime in the streets because you would rather create a new program with new tax dollars to "help" crime victims, or that is what you'll say, but all that will happen is that another group of PERS members will get a new directorship for another do-nothing program so they can retire with a fatter pension. Hey geniuses - if you focused on real problems and real crimes, there would be fewer crime victims and you wouldn't need to keep making bad laws that do nothing to actually make a difference.