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Subject:	Please support SB 699 and SB 796
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Dear Chair Prozanski and Committee Members,

Please support common sense gun control laws. I am writing in support of:

- Senate Bill 699 -- Guns in Public Buildings -- Requires that people with concealed handgun licenses who are carrying firearms keep them concealed while in public buildings.
- Senate Bill 796 -- Training for Concealed Handgun License -- Requires citizens applying for a concealed handgun license to pass a firing range test.

I was appalled and terrified to see news reports of gun extremists walking around the Capitol with exposed firearms and along city streets in Portland. I would expect something like that in uncivilized countries or countries with civil wars, but not in Oregon. If people want a concealed handgun license then they should do exactly what the license says -- "concealed". Please support SB 699 so we can all be safer in public buildings.

I was shocked to learn that here in Oregon you can get a concealed handgun license without any training at all. No one is allowed to drive a car without training and a license. So why should anyone be allowed to carry a concealed handgun (with a much greater potential to kill and injure others) without being trained and licensed. Please support SB 796 so we can all be safer.

The people of Oregon are counting on you to enact these sensible gun laws. We need your help to make Oregon a safe place to be.

Thank you,

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