

To the committee members,

I'm writing in support of SB554-A20 to allow guns to be prohibited from schools, universities, airports, and the Capitol. We learned on January that Capitol buildings are at unique risk of public violence.

As a retired therapist, who worked with combat veterans, I and my PTSD team were first responders after the Thurston High School shooting in 1998. That tragedy could have been prevented if the guns Kip Kinkle used were locked up.

Too many children have had access to guns and used them either accidentally, injuring self or family members or to commit suicide, a tragic epidemic in America.

Thank you for your support of these life saving measures.

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