

I have worked diligently to ensure that my children and other young relatives learn about protests, state and local government processes, and are ready to provide written or public testimony. I feel strongly that the possession of firearms in public spaces intimidates and is intended to do exactly this. I have crossed lines of firearms advocates in Salem and it has never felt like a positive experience. In recent years, it has felt more frightening. I want to take my grandchild to the Capitol and into other public spaces in and near the Portland Metro area without having to think about firearms being in and on the premises. We are a family that owns firearms. We have them securely stored. They are for very specific purposes. Please listen carefully to testimony of those who believe it is time to change the current way we address firearms in public spaces and vote to move this bill to the Senate floor.