

I'm a strong advocate of common sense gun regulation in Oregon. Please know that I fully support SB554. This bill, if enacted, would make Oregon a safer place, reducing firearm related injuries and deaths without infringing on anyone's 2nd Amendment rights. There are places where guns just simply don't make sense.

I spent 35 years teaching and retired over 10 years ago. I cannot imagine working in a classroom where guns are allowed. I don't ever want students to think their classroom is so unsafe that they must live in fear that someone sitting next to them is carrying a gun. And there are other places as well that should be allowed to ban firearms, such as hospitals and court houses where emotions already run high and can become powder kegs for violence. Let's not allow guns in these potentially volatile environments.

I especially don't want my legislators to feel it necessary to wear body armor and worry that any unpopular policy choice they make can result in them being gunned down in the Senate or House chambers. There is no way legislators can effectively govern with threats from gun carrying visitors ever on their minds. So I am asking my legislators to make my place of business and theirs a safer place.

Please pass SB554.

Thank you.