

Dear Chair Senator Prozanski, Vice-Chair Senator Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,

My name is Sofia Corso and I am an Oregon high school junior. I am writing to testify in support of SB 554, because it is essential that

guns are kept out of schools and that we prioritize the safety of our communities.

As a high school student, I know firsthand the overwhelming anxiety and fear of walking into school and having to question my own safety and the safety of my peers, or the stress of constantly living with the threat of guns being held in public spaces. This fear that anyone in public spaces may be carrying a concealed firearm or my school and my fellow students may one day be a target of gun violence is overwhelming, it can be debilitating and distracting, but it is avoidable and passing gun sense legislature can remedy and relieve this stress and safety threat.

Research irrefutably shows allowing guns on campus correlates with increased gun violence. You have a responsibility to pass SB 554, and to make

sure that guns stay out of places where danger and gun violence poses a risk to us Oregonians. SB 554 enables us to make safe choices and prioritizes the safety of our communities and our students.

Thank you,
Sofia Corso