

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

My name is Astrid Foster, I am a High School junior from Portland OR. I would like to voice my support of Senate Bill 554 to keep Oregon's public spaces and schools free from guns.

Guns have no business being in or around school campuses. So many people have to live in fear every day of gun violence, schools should not be one of those places. As I have grown up I have seen the bloodshed unfold in real time when guns are brought into public spaces. That could be an Oregon town or school next.

Guns have a time and place, this bill is not trying to restrict gun rights. However, that time and place is not where education is trying to happen. This is about keeping our fellow Oregonians safe. Research shows that when guns are near and on campuses, gun violence is likely to increase.

Thank you very much for your time, and please pass SB 554.
Astrid Foster