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Senate Committee on Judiciary and
Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
900 Court Street NE, Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for SB 554

Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland urges your support for SB 554, allowing local governments to limit or prohibit the possession of firearms in public buildings. Ensuring the safety of public spaces for Portlanders and city employees is vitally important.

SB 554 allows local governments to reflect the expectations and values of their communities. Carrying firearms in shared public spaces, especially in dense urban environments, poses a real danger to those who share those spaces. Feeling free and safe while accessing city services is paramount. Whether testifying before City Council, filing a building permit, swimming at parks facility or showing up to work as more than 6,000 City of Portland employees do every day, these are public spaces and places where the ability to exclude firearms is beneficial to the safety and sense of wellbeing.

Gun violence poses a serious threat to the safety, livability, and health of our community. The City supports efforts to provide local officials additional tools to combat the gun violence epidemic.

Respectfully,

Stacy Cowan

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