

As an Oregon parent and gun safety advocate, I am submitting this note to share my support for SB554. Like most parents I know, keeping guns out of school campuses is one of the top issues I am concerned about as our students prepare to return to in-person schooling over the coming months. For far too long, we have seen school-related shootings, homicides, and suicides grow, and research continues to show us that we need stronger policies to support students and teachers so they can focus on the process of learning, and not rising safety concerns. I believe that SB 554 will serve as an important tool for local officials to protect public safety and keep our community safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

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