

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Stephanie Haines, I'm a resident of Corvallis, a gun sense advocate and a mom of two boys who attend the local schools. I urge you to vote yes on Senate Bill 554, which would allow cities, counties, schools, and other public entities to prohibit guns in their buildings and on their property.

With the huge increase in gun sales since the pandemic, I'm concerned about armed intimidation at protests at the Capitol building by both open carry and concealed carry permit holders. In normal times I visit the Capitol to advocate and knowing that many of the opposition, while they have never been a problem, are most likely carrying guns is concerning. Our democracy does not work at gunpoint.

As a mother I'm also concerned about the safety of my children once they do get to return to school. More guns do not make us safer. I want my school district to be able to decide their position on guns on campus.

Please support SB 554.