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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2007

As a fellow Oregon resident, I ask you to please oppose House Bill 2007.

This bill seeks only to disarm us law-abiding citizens and continue eroding our Second Amendment rights without improving public safety. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. Criminals already violate existing laws to obtain firearms and cause carnage. They will just ignore any new decrees from the Legislature as well. Please, instead, enforce existing laws on violent criminals, hold them responsible for their actions, get them off the streets, and keep them off the streets.

HB 2007 will only cause Oregon to have a more confusing patchwork of gun laws, and their citizens across the state to not have the same rights. By allowing localities to restrict carry, this will also create more arbitrary zones where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless against criminals who ignore such boundaries. Concealed carry permit holders are among the most law-abiding citizens of Oregon. They don't commit crimes; if they did commit a crime, they wouldn't be eligible for the permit. They are not the problem.

If this type of legislation is approved for localities, then why not then just make up our own local laws, as we see fit for our own communities. I do not agree with this bill or any other bill restricting our constitutional rights and making felons out of presently law abiding citizens. Under this method of legislation we are no longer a country united.