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

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Suzanne Pflaum. I am a mother of a toddler, concerned citizen in North Portland. I am writing to urge your support for House Bills 2005, 2006 and 2007 as they are critical gun safety policies that will prevent violence and save lives.

I am grateful for the opportunity to speak for those who cannot today. Those who showed up as citizens in public spaces to learn, to celebrate, to participate in democracy, or to provide a public service. And who never went back home because of avoidable gun violence.

How can we ensure a successful democracy, a thriving nation, a healthy community if the very places where those things live are not protected from gun violence?

HB 2007 allows local governments to prohibit guns on municipal property – such as government buildings, court buildings, or adjacent grounds – provided they put up a sign. This applies to concealed carry permit holders as well because those guns are no less deadly.

We know that courthouses and government buildings are targets for politically-motivated violence. Local governments should have the ability to keep guns out of these sensitive places.

I am grateful to your committee for considering gun violence safety measures such as these that will keep more Oregonians safe from gun violence. In addition to HB 2007, I urge you to support HB 2005 banning ghost guns and other untraceable firearms, and Bill HB 2006 to raise the minimum age for purchasing firearms to 21

Thank you for taking my testimony to heart.
Suzanne Pflaum