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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB2007

Dear members of the House Committee on the Judiciary, I write today to convey my strong opposition to HR2007.

Rather than make emotionally charged statements and slinging pejoratives and insults I would like to pose several questions I feel are relevant, and if answered truthfully show the futility of this bill.

First, how does this bill reduce current levels of violent crime which plague the state of Oregon, particularly in the population centers which make up a majority of its voting base?

Second, if the carrying of a firearm in these buildings is already against the law, without a concealed handgun license, why prohibit these people who go through a screening process from exercising their rights? Further, are the people who carry with a concealed handgun license really part of the problem of crime that this bill intends to solve?

Third, If this is about the safety of the public, how are the employees of government buildings made safer by this? If they are prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm in their workplace, and the public who must go to these locations for business and other reasons are also prohibited, does this not make our government buildings potential soft targets for those who wish to do harm?

In summary, this bill will only render many Oregonians helpless in their jobs and daily lives. They will be unable to defend themselves from criminals who flaunt the rule of law with impunity. I Oppose HB 2007 and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,
Caleb Sale