

Date: March 21, 2023
To: Chair, Rep. Jason Kropf
Vice Chair, Rep. Tom Anderson
House Committee on Judiciary
From: Kerry Spurgin
President, Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA)
Regarding: OPPOSITION to HB2007



On behalf of OSSA, Oregon Citizens, and Hunters, I would like to testify AGAINST HB2007.

- HB2007 means there will be a patchwork of gun free zones as one drives or walks in otherwise public areas.
- HB2007 will make criminals of well-intentioned, law-abiding citizens who unknowingly enter these zones.
- HB2007 will force Oregon concealed carry license holders to store their firearms in vehicles, which are subject to higher rates of theft in these zones.
- HB2007 is powerless in addressing criminal activity and actually advertises zones of unprotected Oregonians.
- HB2007 is a clear violation of 2nd amendment rights.

HB2007 does not reduce crime! HB2007 puts Oregonians at risk and infringes on law abiding citizens.

There is no evidence, or logic, that supports that HB2007 additional requirements would ever be followed by existing or would be criminals. HB2007 makes Oregon less safe by creating defenseless-gun-free zones for criminals to prey on Oregonians.

Oregonians, you are being used! Do Not Stand for It!

HB2007, as is HB2005, HB2006 are crafted by groups outside Oregon and handed to our legislature to pass. This are direct examples of the national groups using Oregon citizens as pawns to test and further their agenda to infringe upon lawful firearms ownership.

Drive for Real Solutions!

OSSA recommends we steer our effort to confront the drivers and root causes of violent crime in our community. In our view, these are: Addiction, Mental Health, Lack of Law Enforcement Community Engagement, Not enforcing current laws, and Mental illness – Suicide Prevention. ([link](#))

OSSA sponsors the OSSA/OASRs Safety-Wellness Campaign (www.ossa.org/safety-wellness) to further drive safety in shooting sports and make our communities safer. We drive Basic Safety, Storage safety, Childrens Safety, and Suicide Prevention through active awareness and training programs with our clubs, members, and community.

Make a Choice!

Voting YES – Drives actions with no impact to violent crime and supports Oregon being used as a pawn.

Voting NO – Enables Time and Effort to make Oregon safer through Real Solutions.

Respectfully, I ask, on behalf of OSSA's Members and Oregon Citizens, that the committee and the Oregon legislature REJECT HB2007

Kerry Spurgin
President, Oregon State Shooting Association

I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of safe and responsible firearm owners.