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JEWISH FEDERATION OF PORTLAND SUPPORTS House Bills 2005, 2006 & 2007

The Jewish Federation of Portland consists of a cross-section of Portland Jewry representing area organizations and synagogues. Its Jewish Community Relations Council is dedicated to advancing democratic pluralism, harmonious relationships, and respect for human dignity and individual rights. One of the tenants of Judaism is the sanctity of human life.

We hear about gun violence every day. While the US Supreme Court has limited many local and state-wide gun control measures and efforts to enact a state-wide gun control measure in Oregon (Measure 114) is tied up in the Courts, it is incumbent upon us to continue to support measures intended to protect the citizens of Oregon from gun violence.

House Bills 2005, 2006 & 2007 are sensible, well thought out efforts in this regard.

HB 2005 would close a loophole in Federal regulations which prohibit the importation and manufacturing of undetectable and untraceable firearms, but do not prohibit their possession. These guns are a real threat to our communities.

HB 2006 seeks to address the national epidemic of mass shootings by young men under 21 while still preserving their right to possess and use firearms such as single shot rifles and shotguns for hunting.

HB 2007 would allow cities and counties to ban those with a conceal carry permit from taking those firearms onto government owned public property, closing a loophole in Oregon law which presently allows public

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agencies to restrict people from openly carry firearms on public property but exempts those who possess a conceal carry permit. The choice is wisely left to the local agencies to determine if such a ban is necessary in their jurisdiction.

These measures go a long way to protect the public while still protecting an individual 's right to possess and use a firearm.

We urge you to support these measures to help protect Oregonians everywhere.

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