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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: HB2007

I strongly object to HB2007 as I am an advocate for responsible firearm ownership in Oregon. I am deeply concerned about the potential for a patchwork of "no carry" areas that this bill would create for lawful concealed handgun owners. These are law-abiding citizens who have undergone training, maintained clean records, and obeyed the law. If this bill becomes law, it could inadvertently turn ordinary citizens into criminals when they unintentionally enter a public space or park in another city or county. It is unacceptable to make well-meaning neighbors into criminals by passing this legislation.

Additionally, we should be wary that this law would lead more people to leave their firearms in their cars rather than carry them in public spaces for fear of violating specific policies, ordinances, or regulations banning concealed carry in certain areas. This could result in more firearms being left unsecured and unattended in vehicles, which would ultimately increase the number of firearms falling into the wrong hands. We can prevent this situation and save lives by voting against HB2007.

Concealed weapons holders are a well-trained and disciplined group who wish to do the right thing. It is not appropriate to leave them defenseless at a time when crime and drug abuse are on the rise and citizens are justifiably concerned for their safety. Therefore, I urge you to do the right thing and vote against HB2007 to protect our citizens and public spaces. In summary, I oppose HB2007.