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Subject: To the Senate Judiciary Committee: Public Testimony for SB 1538
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Dear Senators,

I am writing and requesting that you vote NO on SB 1538.

This bill authorizes city, county, metropolitan service district, school district, college or university to adopt ordinance or policy limiting the legal possession of firearms by citizens holding a concealed handgun license. These are individuals who have taken courses, many having trained on a firearms range & have passed in-depth, extensive background checks.

The bill modifies the definition of "public building" for purposes of crime of unlawful possession of weapon in public building. It would punish a once honest CCL holder with a maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

SB1538 would allow jurisdictions to create their own laws, many of which would be very different & have their own variations to where it would be legal to carry & where it is not. A CHL holder carrying a gun would not know from one moment whether they were carrying legal or not as it would be almost impossible to know all of these local restrictions. This would make honest citizens, your constituents, into criminals when they have actually done nothing wrong except not knowing every single nuance. They would be at risk of arrest, heavy fines and lengthy prison terms. Why go after the law abiding gun owner? Why NOT the criminals that use guns and create harsh penalties for any crime where a gun is used?

I urge you not vote for it's passage! Vote NO on SB 1538

Respectfully,

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