

SB 554 Gun Free Zones' Will Get People Killed

Proponents of SB 554 fail to provide a single factual reason why this bill is even needed beyond the usual "common sense" gun control diatribe. Well, there is no common sense applied to SB 554.

When has a single conceal carry holder ever committed a crime in any "public building"? In fact, data shows that gun free zones are turned into killing zones.

Research and the statistics show that criminals intentionally choose these kill zones to commit violence have been proven over the last three decades. Oregonians must stand up those who willing create these Gun Free (KILLING) Zones that leave our young children and adults unprotected and defenseless, vulnerable to terrorists and psychologically disturbed killers.

Here are the facts about the Deadly Failure of Gun Free Zones. 98.4 percent of mass shootings occurred in gun-free zones between 1950 and 2020. FBI data reveals that concealed carry permit holders are not the problem, but they are part of the solution.

Too many lives have been lost because murderous maniacs know that schools and other gun free zones are soft targets. Those inside don't have the ability to protect themselves. In an emergency situation, seconds matter and a well-trained, responsible gun owner can save lives in an active-shooter situation.

Legislatures looking to pass gun-free must know whether or not gun-free zones pose a danger to the public by attracting killers who prefer an unarmed victim pool and should give serious consideration to the following propositions:

1. First, however well-intended, gun-free zones do not work. While they might provide symbolic or emotional comfort to those who fear firearms, they have no real-world practical effect other than to encourage law-abiding armed citizens to stay away. That is way over 98% of mass spotting happen in gun-free zones.
2. Mass casualty shooters have overwhelmingly elected to carry out their attacks in gun-free zones.
3. Relative to all of the other proposed solutions to the problem of mass public shootings, the elimination of gun-free zones would be comparatively simple and inexpensive.
4. Eliminating the demonstrably ineffective gun-free zones would cause no permanent or substantial damage or loss to owners of such properties.

The elimination of gun-free zones may not prove to be the definitive answer, but the evidence strongly shows that it is far mor effective. Otherwise we will attempt the same old failed solutions over and over again.

Gun Free Zones' Get People Killed – It's Time to Hold the Government, Individuals & Agencies Accountable for Gun Free (Killing) Zones. VOTE NO ON SB 554

With Regards,
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