

Chair Smith Warner and members of the committee,

As the capital building is closed and not open for public testimony, I offer this written testimony instead.

I strongly urge you to vote in opposition to SB 554 as it is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. The bill would prohibit lawful carry of firearms in and around certain properties by people licensed to carry concealed handguns. Given the complete lack of evidence that CHL holders are perpetrators of violence, this bill makes no sense. It is a blatant attack on those who choose to go through extra steps of taking a certified gun safety class and submitting to fingerprinting and background check. I do not believe that this bill would benefit anyone and it is simply a "feel good" bill that punishes good people in exchange for putting a feather in the cap of legislators that can claim they "did something" about gun violence. The same legislators that are silent when it comes to rioting, property damage, and violence in Portland. You are barking up the wrong tree.

Again, I would ask you where is all the evidence of CHL holders committing any gun crimes? I don't believe you will find much. On the contrary, You WILL find numerous stories of regular people lawfully defending themselves and others using these same tools of license and concealed handgun

**SB 554 WILL NOT MAKE THINGS SAFER FOR ANYONE! TRASH THIS BAD BILL!**

Sincerely,

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