

The public testimony submission was not functioning earlier please accept and consider my comments AGAINST the SB 554 legislation. Please use a proactive approach by opening an actual dialogue with all major interested parties as well as those educated in the field of firearms to begin seriously reviewing how improvements can be made on a bi-partisan basis to address mental health issues, funding the enforcement of existing laws, criminal prosecution and funding solid penalties, social behavior, and drug addiction and then use that wealth of knowledge to create a true and valid approach that works within the framework of the founding fathers of this nation and this state. It is not reasonable that any one person or any single interest group can provide a reasonable resolution. Please also further review the actual impacts of the recent decriminalization of drugs.

Unfortunately, just as DUII, murder and felon possession are illegal, we still have criminals who break these laws and families suffer losses. More laws such as 554 will not alter this and may worsen it. It certainly isolates and adversely impacts people in the outdoors and shooting sports.

This legislation turns engaged citizens protecting themselves, their families, and potentially others into criminals. This also potentially further increases civil liabilities to the same person protecting others.

This type of legislation will require WORK and will not come quickly or easily; it will not be a one-person march or salvation that propels that lawmaker to a higher popularity. This is not a race but rather a process and needs to occur holistically as a nation without complicated and varying regulations applied at state, city or municipality levels.

With regard.