To the Oregon Legislature:

I just wanted to pass along a request, as a resident of Oregon, and a concealed carry permit holder, that bill SB 554 be discarded.

I was surprised to read recently that concealed carry holders commit fewer crimes than police officers. I value greatly those in uniform who protect us, but they cannot be everywhere.

So, I would ask that those who are committed to standing in the gap, when violence is being threatened, retain the right to protect their families and those around them, in as many situations as possible.

Please do not make it a criminal offense to do so.

To be complete, I will say that I do not relish the thought of taking the life of another person, and I consider the use of deadly force to be a last resort.

Sincerely, Dave D