

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher

My name is Edward Hauswald, resident of Bend OR and a CCW permit carrier. My CCW was issued Sherriff Shane Nelson, Sherriff of Deschutes County, after a background check and validation of my training in firearm safety and use. I also hold certification in firearm safety and use that certification in support of firearm safety and use it local shooting ranges and events. Clearly persons who hold a CCW do not pose a threat to anyone and to restrict the geography where a CCW holder can possess a firearm makes no sense. I therefore come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554. This Bill tramples on both yours and my Second Amendment Rights as guaranteed by the US Constitution and supported by continued rulings by the US Supreme Court. Bill 554 does not to make the world a safer place as statistics would show that firearm crimes are not done by responsible law-abiding firearm owners and especially CCW holders. In all cases misuse of a firearm was done by a person or persons who were already illegally having a firearm in their possession. The Committee's efforts would be better served by taking action to require enforcement of the multitude of laws and regulations already on the books for "gun control".

This bill should not move forward out of this committee.

Thank you.  
Edward Hauswald