

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher,

My name is Sally Steele. I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554.

Life, liberty, and property do not exist because of law. Life, liberty, property and our own personal and just pursuits exist naturally as part of our own human dignity and natural rights. These rights are ours and existed long before any human policy-makers came onto the scene.

Passage of SB 554 will likely render a person's ability to legally carry a concealed handgun almost pointless. SB 554 will set up numerous potential "felony traps" all over the state for those with Concealed Handgun Licenses.

I am a 77-year-old female and do not, or ever had, a license to carry a gun. However, I strongly believe in the right to do so. The right to keep and BEAR arms is a right for people to possess weapons for their own defense, federally ensured in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. And that right "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED".

I advise the committee to kill Senate Bill 554.

Thank you.