

Honorable Committee Members:

I speak in opposition to this bill. More control of RESPONSIBLE handgun carriers is not prudent. People who carry a concealed carry permit are members of our society who have taken the time to become educated and trained in the responsible use of handguns; they are not the criminals who recklessly endanger others. Rather, if called upon in an emergency they are the ones who will protect you and me. It takes time for a police officer to show up in the event of an emergency and during that lag time any one of the number of handgun enthusiasts with whom I am acquainted would willingly stand up to defend someone in danger. Responsible concealed carry permit holders are the ones we should be encouraging. The truth is - and you really, REALLY know this: we outlaw responsible use of firearms? Then only the ones who couldn't care less about abiding by the law become the ones holding those firearms. It's a lose-lose situation. Period.

Thank you for reading this.