

Chair Prozanski, & Vice-chair Thatcher”

My name is David McFadden

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554

The wisdom of past Oregon Legislatures shown bright by realizing that the Oregon Legislature should be the only body to pass ordinances and policies regulating firearm restrictions in the State. This bill would change current law, and create around the state a whole variety of different laws and ordinances, past by thousands of minor governmental bodies that would create a confusion that no single person could hope to abide by.

A law-biding person licensed carrying a concealed handgun in a public building is not a threat. In fact, such a person carrying concealed, by definition should not even be known or noticeable as such to other people in the building. Yet, this legislation would ask up-right citizens to give up their right to self-defense against those that are not licensed and/or law-biding. This bill would automatically make the law-biding citizen a felon and threaten them with heavy fine. Punish the wrong doer, not the upright.

In my life experience I have found that only responsible law-biding citizens take the time and effort to further educate themselves about taking on the added responsibilities and legalities of carrying a concealed weapon.

Life, liberty, and property do not exist because of law. Life, liberty, property and your own personal safety exist naturally as part of your own human dignity and natural rights. These rights are yours and existed long before any human policy-maker(s) came onto the scene. In fact, peoples across the world have always sought to protect these basic rights.

I urge you to not take any action toward the passage of Senate Bill 554