

Dear Senators,

I write in opposition to SB554. Common sense compels such opposition, for three primary reasons.

1) If passed, it sets up an unknowable patchwork of gun free zones where legal CHL carriers are inadvertently criminalized because yesterday's safe to carry zone suddenly becomes today's gun free zone without notification.

2) It does nothing to address the legal obligation of government to punish those who actually do wrong (i.e., criminals who carry and use guns illegally) and to praise citizens in good standing (i.e., well vetted CHL carriers who are trained and carry for protection of self, family, and neighbor), but instead criminalizes those who unintentionally enter a gun free zone even as they drive, work, and live in this beautiful state.

3) SB 554 is yet one more example of state overreach that creates a motley collection of regulations that has the potential to make felons out of law-abiding gun owners who could ever so inadvertently be subject to five (5) years' imprisonment and a \$125,000 fine. This is unconscionable!

Thank you for your time, and please kill SB554 in committee.

Bruce G. Ley