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Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Subject: SB-554

This bill is an unconstitutional attack on law abiding citizens. As members of the Oregon Senate you took an oath of office to uphold and defend the US and Oregon Constitutions, so why are you even considering a bill that is so grossly at odds with the Second Amendment? Stop this nonsense.

This bill will create a trap to ensnare law abiding citizens who have no way of knowing which invisible boundaries are created by local authorities to take away gun rights. CHL gun owners are the most vetted and best trained citizens when it comes to safe gun use. This is just a backdoor attempt to nullify a CHL.

There is a gun problem in Oregon. It's in Portland with daily gun violence that goes unchecked because politicians have stripped the police of the tools they need to do their job. If the Legislature wants to do something meaningful, get a grip on Portland. The gun violence is not taking place in public buildings or airport parking lots as outlined in this bill. It is not happening because of CHL holders. It's happening in large part because of gangs, but we don't want to hurt anyone feelings by calling them out as gangs.

Deal with Portland and leave the rest of law abiding citizens alone.

And CHL fees are high enough. No fee increases.

Oregon is facing so many problems, ranging from the pandemic to catastrophic wildfires and failing infrastructure, closed schools, homelessness, hunger, suicide, drug use and much more. And yes, gun violence in Portland by gangs. And we're closing prisons.

But the Legislature wants to make criminals out of law abiding citizens under SB-554? While the Capitol is closed to the public and its difficult to offer real live testimony. Very sneaky indeed.

Deal with the REAL problems facing Oregonians. This bill is totally unnecessary and unconstitutional as are all the other gun measures being considered. NO on SB-554.