

Dear Chair Prozanski and Vice-chair Thatcher,

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554. I consider myself to be an upstanding, respectful, law abiding citizen of our great state. I go to work, pay my taxes, love my family, and conduct myself in a seemly manner.

This bill threatens to immediately turn me into a felon for simply going about my daily business as I have for the past decades. And to no public benefit. At least no benefit that anyone can explain to me with any modicum of practicality. It will not prevent anyone with criminal intent from carrying out their criminal actions. Indeed it appears to me that it was not intended to punish anyone, except me as a law abiding citizen, for simply exercising my right to carry a firearm. This is a distasteful yet necessary action due to the proliferation of actual criminal activity, and I have passed all of the legal requirements and background checks to exercise this right. This bill will create an inscrutable labyrinth of areas, the net result of which will be to turn me into a felon for merely desiring to protect myself and my family.

I beg of you, in all good faith, do not pass this bill out of the committee. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Todd Allen