

Dear Public Servants of the increasingly autocratic state of Oregon...

As a citizen of this state, I am becoming increasingly and seriously alarmed at the brazen repeated attempts to undermine the freedoms, the safety, and the security of law abiding citizens of Oregon, including myself. It has become undeniably apparent that Oregon law enforcement, legislators, and the judiciary care far more about protecting those who have been violent and destructive, rather than those who support law and order, and who pay your salaries.

In regards to SB-554, as you may (or may not) be aware, CCW permit holders are the most law abiding demographic in America. Statistically, they are around 6 times more law abiding than the public in general. They come in at the number one position, just above off duty police officers when it comes to adhering to the law.

Therefore, it would be absolutely ridiculous to pass a bill that would only affect people who are able to obtain a CCW permit, and who would not even be able to, if they weren't law abiding citizens. The only natural conclusion that can be drawn by any reasonable and rational person, is that these law abiding people are the ones that are (for some strange reason) targeted and apparently feared by those who would draft such a seemingly illogical piece of legislation.

Such a law would not only violate the constitutional right to bear arms and prevent people from defending themselves and others, but would actually turn them into "criminals" if they fail to accurately keep track of the multitude of places that they would no longer be allowed to exercise their constitutional rights in.

This would render their permits virtually useless, unless they want to constantly risk violating a law that never should have been enacted to begin with. In which case, they would lose their gun rights altogether. An outrage which may very well be the desired effect of this legislation, which seems far more intent on restricting the law abiding citizen, rather than criminals who cannot obtain a permit due to violent past behavior.

So I ask you, has common sense been completely thrown out the window? Can any of you think of a good reason to increase the danger level in countless places due to the fact that there will be no armed citizens to stop a criminal attack? I reiterate... It is NOT CCW holders who are committing violent crimes. They have the very best record of law obedience, and self-restraint.

I would implore you to vote no on this bill in the name of decency and morality, because all it does is endanger the public, rather than protecting it. Those involved in the passing of such a dangerous piece of legislation could actually cost innocent people their very lives. There has GOT to be a limit. When there are new laws and restrictions on our freedoms every year, the inevitable end result will be no liberty and an oppressive Police State.

The intent of the Founders was the exact opposite of this, which is why they provided us with the wisest foundation any country has ever devised. The foundation that all of you pledged an oath to defend and uphold. There are two classes of people in government. Those who will be remembered for protecting liberty, and those which lead countries down the road to tyranny and destruction. History is full of examples.

Freedoms cost blood, sweat, and tears to obtain. Please do not callously dispose of them like yesterday's garbage. This bill would only harm law abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.