Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher

My name is Kris Zimmerman. I come before you in letter and in opposition to Senate Bill 554. "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." This was put in place by our founding fathers to protect We the People. To remind all, our government is comprised of **Representatives** that took an oath, a sworn duty to uphold and protect our constitutional rights. No representative is above the law. When our representatives step above the law they become dictators and are no longer representing the people. Our constitutional rights are in place to protect We the People from tyranny. Our second amendment rights are constitutional, they are law and infringement upon them is tyranny. Per the constitution, any laws created that infringe upon our rights are automatically null and void. There is no question that SB554 is a trap and an infringement on the 2nd amendment.

Concealed Carry permit holders are fingerprinted and on file with the State Police and FBI. *Legal* concealed carry does not give the permit holder special vigilante privileges. Concealed carry permit holders are not villains, they are not out to harm anyone. Concealed carry permit holders are the last people in this country that any of us should fear. However, we should all fear those who carry illegally/*un*permitted. People who carry illegally/unpermitted do not care about Bill 554, they are not going to obey any rules/bills/laws you or your committees put in place. People who carry illegally/unpermitted are bad people with ill intent. Bill 554 will not protect anyone from people who carry illegally/unpermitted.

I strongly oppose this bill, it should not move forward out of this committee.

Thank You,

Kris Zimmerman