

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee,

I oppose SB 554 and urge the Committee to reject it.

When was the last time you heard of an individual with a CHL perpetrating a crime or otherwise misusing a firearm? I read a lot of news and I don't recall ever reading of such an incident. I can only presume this is because CHL holders obey the law and don't cause any problems. There is no reason CHL holders should be further excluded from carrying a firearm in public buildings.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem and ought to be rejected.

The bill also appears to be unworkable and the average citizen would have no idea where firearms are actually prohibited on any particular day or time risking a felony charge. If this bill does proceed the criminal sanction should be removed and replaced with a non-criminal citation and fine.

Thank you for your consideration.