

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Committee Members,

I'm a CHL holder with military experience and training from numerous firearms academies. I want to emphasize that CHL holders have already been fingerprinted, background checked and schooled in the basics of concealed carry. In my years of experience these are some of the most level headed, stable, and polite people I've worked and trained with. They are also the ones least likely to misuse a firearm, let alone commit a crime with one.

This unique segment of the population has the ability to stop an attack, or at least limit what could be a devastating loss of life in a private or public setting. Passing a bill of this nature creates a maze of legal liability for CHL holders and creates more 'gun-free' zones giving the criminal element increased predatory freedom to commit a crime.

If a CHL holder can spot a pre-attack indicator in or around *ANY* building why wouldn't you want such reassurance knowing it could take long and fatal minutes before the police could arrive? The stubborn, year-after-year anti-gun pressure is a clear indication of moral failure.

Also, increasing the cost of the license puts undue pressure on those in low income areas where a defensive firearm is more likely needed. With bills like this and lawlessness on the rise, the sobering second amendment quotes of the Nation's Founders comes to mind.

Finally, by 7pm Sunday night I had taken a sampling of 435 written testimonies. After reviewing every 5th testimony 94% are opposed, and 6% in favor.

Kill this and every anti-gun bill.