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To: Chair, Senator Floyd Prozanski Vice Chair, Senator Kim Thatcher Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation
Regarding: OPPOSITION to SB554

I would like to testify, AGAINST SB554 which further limits the use of a concealed handgun license by enabling local municipalities and airports to declare their building, parking area, park, or terminal as a "public building" for purposes of crime of possession of a weapon in public.

SB554 will create a patchwork of inconsistent ordinances that will inadvertently make felons of law-abiding citizens, who have already proved their proficiency in the safe handling of firearms and have undergone at least two background checks, as they pass through a region, state, or town.

SB554 enables municipalities and port authorities (airports) to make it illegal to travel with firearms for lawful hunting and sporting purposes. Imagine a grandfather is taking his granddaughter or grandson to the range for target practice or traveling across the state to their favorite hunting spot or to a competitive shooting sport event. If they were to have car trouble in an unfamiliar city or town and be required to park and work out repairs and unknowingly, the grandfather missed the random sign imposing SB554s restrictions, he would find himself as a Class C Felon!

Law-abiding hunters and sportsmen would be prevented (infringed) from traveling through the cities and towns and even through airports on their way to their family farm for a hunt, a local range to compete, or to travel into or out of the state to hunt or compete in shooting sports.

SB554 will have NO impact on criminal use of firearms, SB554 will only impact and infringe upon the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens of Oregon and travelers that come to Oregon.

I am an Oregon citizen who is deeply concerned with increased crime and civil unrest in the Portland Metropolitan area. I am also a shooting sport competitor, and Treasurer of the Oregon State Shooting Association, Inc. ("OSSA"). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of responsible firearm owners.

I ask, on behalf of myself and OSSA's Members, that the committee and the Oregon legislature REJECT SB554. It will make felons of law-abiding citizens and have NO impact on criminal use of firearms.

Respectfully submitted.