

Esteemed Committee, I respectfully wish to provide my testimony in regards to SB 554:

I am opposed to SB 554 and any legislation that seeks to limit our constitutional rights to protect ourselves and our families.

There is no credible data that supports any positive correlation between violence involving guns and CHL holders in Oregon. In fact CHL holders are more likely to follow the laws, pay their taxes and be productive citizens. SB 554 only benefits the violent criminal faction of our great state, which is less than 0.3% of our population. Passage of this bill will result good law abiding people inadvertently becoming felons. Any measure that diminishes the locations that a CHL may be used only benefits criminals, whom ignore all the rules by definition. Support of this bill is supporting criminals.

Stop trying to solve for the 0.3% by punishing the overwhelmingly positive majority. This is low energy, fear based decision making and we are better people than this.

Very respectfully,

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