

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher;

My name is Amanda Lynn. I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554. The passage of SB 554 will render my ability to legally carry a concealed handgun. SB 554 will set up numerous potential "felony traps" all over the state for those with Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL). As a law-abiding Citizen who has applied, passed all background checks and received the license to carry....I am Not a threat. I take this right very seriously and believe that this bill puts undue pressure on all law-abiding concealed carry permit holders.

Many crimes have been thwarted due to citizens carrying, most without ever firing a shot.

When attending any gun safety training, a concealed carry permit is required. This also assures the trainers that students have had background checks. As a woman who attends training it also assures me that I am in safe company. A bill of this nature only tells the Sheriffs department that there is a checkerboard of areas that do not trust the Sheriffs department to uphold the law in the background checks.

I implore you to Not move this bill forward. Senate Bill 554 should not move out of this committee and should be dumped in the round file. This bill only penalizes citizens who go through the legal processes of the right to have a concealed weapon. This will do nothing to prevent crime from criminals. It will only create criminals from rule following citizens who may, one day, save a life.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

A constituent who votes,
Amanda Lynn