

Chair Prozanski and Vice-chair Thatcher. My name is Rick Poland and I am sending this message in opposition to Senate Bill 554. I have had a concealed permit for many years. In my world I handle money on a regular basis, some times in larger amounts. I began carrying a concealed handgun at that time. There is not now or never in the past been an intent to use my handgun in any other way than for self defense. As a business owner and a solid member of my community I believe if I am able to pass the background check with the Sheriff's office, which currently gives me the right to have a concealed handgun, it would be obvious I nor my counterparts holding the same permit would be considered a threat. We are at a time when personal safety has been compromised by criminal's disregard for our laws so having a little peace of mind knowing I'm not completely defenseless is very comforting. As such I am in complete opposition to any legislation that would compromise my safety. In this particular situation I recommend your committee Kill SB 554.
Thank you Rick Poland