

Chair Person Prozanski, Vice Chair Person Thatcher, and other members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,
My name is William Littlefield and today is Feb 22nd, 2021.

I would like to offer my opposition to Senate Bill 544.

I have been a gun owner for more than 40 years and a concealed carry permit holder for more than 25 years. I know many other gun owners and concealed carry permit holders. In all of my time around these lawful gun owners, I have never witness or heard of any unlawful, unsafe, or irresponsible gun use or action. I carry in order to protect myself, my family or other citizens that might become a victim at the hands of a criminal.

This bill is not good legislation. It will not make people safer in our state. It will make people less safe.

Bad people, criminals, will always be able to acquire a weapon and they will always use weapons against people who do not or are not allowed to posses them because they know this gives them an advantage. Bill 544 will only create more opportunities for criminals and cause more good and law abiding citizens to be labelled as criminals and felons.

Please oppose Senate Bill 544. Please kill senate bill 544. This is the only responsible action the committee can take for her citizens.

Let us not forget the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution. There is a reason that our founding fathers included this amendment and made it #2. They knew it was important to a free society. They knew that an over-reaching government would want to take away the citizens ability to protect themselves. Don't be that government. Don't erode the rights promised to the citizens by the constitution.

If you want to truly protect people then instead do the following: Support the police. Bring swift justice to those who break the law and cause violence to others. Don't try to rid us of guns. Rid society of people who break the law and are not responsible, contributing members of society.

Thank you for service and for considering my comments,

William Littlefield

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