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My name is Allison Valerio. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 554. Concealed Carry holders are law-abiding citizens who pose no threat to the public.

Passing this bill will cause law-abiding citizens to become potential criminals. It will be impossible for concealed carry citizens to be current of all the places where they will suddenly be unable to legally carry. Concealed carry holders do not break the law, and in the past, have actually helped law enforcement and stopped or slowed down harmful criminals.

Notwithstanding that concealed carry gives women an equalizer in situations of assault and rape. Limiting women's rights to defend themselves is not acceptable.

Please do vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you.