

Senator Prozanski and members of the committee

My name is Jordan Lambert and I reside in Marion county.

As a veteran, concealed carry license holder, father, and law abiding citizen I want to emphatically communicate my opposition of Senate bill 554.

While I am saddened by gun violence and any type of harm to innocent people and I want less violence, I feel Senate Bill 554 seeks to limit those wanting to protect those innocent lives. Some have said citizens would make an event worse and I see no data to support that, and many accounts that support that it stops violent attacks quicker. Many of those that have exercised their rights are not only licensed but trained by the US military to respond.

I understand the fear many feel around firearms in the hands of criminals, but SB 554 is not regulating criminals, but instead those that want to follow the law and provide safety to themselves and those around them.

As we have heard none of the tragic events mentioned were committed by those that seek to follow the gun regulations and background checks, but by those that choose to already break the laws we have.

SB 554 would more than likely cause confusion for those that are licensed to carry a firearm, but also to those that choose to carry a simple utility pocket knife.

More laws will not bring more safety. We have many laws in our state and country that criminals willingly break every day in order to do harm. More laws will not protect us, but they will potentially make more of us criminals. Oregon has changed some laws recently in order to incriminate less people and give them help instead of prison or jail. This law is in direct opposition to the idea behind why we changed some of our drug laws. It makes it easier for more to become criminals with no reason.

Again, I am against Senate Bill 554 because it restricts those already following the law and wanting to protect themselves. I carry concealed often and never want to make anyone feel uncomfortable, and have never done so to my understanding. Senate Bill 554 will not reduce gun violence, because it restricts someone already following the law and NOT the criminals that would seek harm in these spaces.

I do not believe that Senate Bill 554 voices the opinions of a majority of Oregonians and is not in our best interest. I would kindly ask for a NO vote on Senate Bill 554 as it only seeks to limit those of us that want to follow gun safety.

Thank you for your time.