

Dear Committee members,

Geetings! I am writing on behalf of myself and my family. My husband, sons, and myself all grew up hunting. We had great bonding times with other family and friends. We learned about gun safety and how to put food on the table. Over the years we have become active in our communities and our churches. We've watched the news and horrifying stories of communities and churches becoming victims of those irresponsible with guns. Their reason is not for my writing. However, as responsible citizens we have taken the required concealed carry classes, paid all fees, gone through additional gun safety, purchased our own safes to store our weapons, and advocate for others to learn the laws even if not getting a license. I personally got my CCL so that anytime I am with another carrier I know what to do should that weapon be available to me. I do it to keep myself out of jail. To think that citizens who go through all that is required to get a license are a problem and should not have a license is ridiculous. We are here to protect against those who wish harm on our friends, neighbors, student, fellow worshipers. I hope that I never have to use mine, but as a responsible citizen and a person who cares for others well being, I have a right to own guns, and conceal. The entire point to conceal is that no one knows. If you don't know, I am of no threat to anyone. Too many in society these days make us out to be the bad guys, but I personally ally have never experienced a CCL holder do harm to anyone.

I beg of you to please think about the harm to our communities that this bill would bring. Open season takes on a whole new meaning. If you can't pump money into mental health, unemployment/reemoymment, etc, there will be desperate people out to harm others, and I want to know that I can be available to assist when my family's life is in danger.

I'm not a good writer, I might be sporadic, but I hope you understand my point, that we should under no circumstances take away concealed licenses.

I appreciate your time in reading all of the testimony that you have received. Our input is important.