

RE: SB 554

TO: Chair Prozanski and Vice-Chair Thatcher

Thank you for being public servants. You ALL do not get enough gratitude from "the people" in your efforts making these decisions of civilized governance. I am in opposition to SB 554 in that it will only leave the weapons in the hands of criminals in these "Gun Free Zones". I know that sounds contrite, but look at Chicago with the same laws and more restrictive measures and the rampant gun deaths occurring there every day with hundreds of gun deaths per year.

If you want Portland to have as many death per day as Chicago, then pass SB 554. With the defunding of the police and the de-arming of the citizens, the criminals will have a heyday, just like the increase in Chicago. They have these ""gun free zone" laws in Illinois that cost money in taxes and lives in the street, and ultimately do not work cause criminals do not obey laws.

Do NOT study the potential of SB 554. Instead, look at the outcomes of such regulations on the whole of society; Chicago deaths due to "gun control" speaks louder than the potential benefits of SB 554.

I understand that the SB 554 is a good idea that has never been able to be implemented successfully, because criminals do not obey the law; no matter how well meaning or intended.

I do not believe that increased regulation or taxation has ever cause a criminal to go straight. SB 554 will only oppresses the citizens, which are allowed to vote, where the criminals are not.

Please allow the citizens to defend themselves in this era of decreased police protection. Remember Chicago and oppose SB 554.

Thank you,
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