

Honorable Chair Prozanski, and Vice-Chair Thatcher,

My name is Kevin Richmond. I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554. I do not own a firearm but, I do support other persons Constitutional and legal rights to own firearms. SB 554 seems like an unfair end around to existing law, to create a new law to undermine existing law. Persons who have a concealed handgun permit obtained that permit by obeying and working within existing law, they played by the rules. If you want to change those rules that as a legislature is your right, indeed your responsibility but, to create or invent a new law to undermine existing law in order to prevent law abiding citizens from experiencing their Constitutional and legal right to experience and enjoy the benefits of obeying and operating within those existing laws seems unfair, disingenuous, and even seems to make a mockery of law in the eyes of the common citizen. Creating a new law to cause a law abiding citizen to become a criminal while obeying the law which they are licensed under by the state seems like an unconstitutional, illegal or at least an unethical attempt to turn law abiding citizens whom you may disagree with into criminals. I ask you to have the integrity to not just do the easy thing which your friends, colleagues, and fellow members of your caucus would agree with you on but, please consider to do the right thing by all of the law abiding citizens of your state even if you may not agree with their position.

Sincerely,

Kevin Richmond