

Hello and good morning, my name is Joel Edwards. I am a Concealed Handgun Permit holder. I lawfully went through the steps and process to acquire an Oregon Concealed Handgun Permit in Morrow County. I am submitting my opposition to SB 554.

As an United States Citizen and resident of Oregon. I find this to be egregious and unconstitutional. I am a disabled individual, and I have an unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, to include my travels into or on city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college or university. While carrying a legally obtained concealed handgun permit, and the ability to defend myself.

As a lawful Oregon Concealed Handgun Permit holder, and having been certified by an Oregon state approved firearms trainer. I have proven to Morrow County Sheriff's Office and to the State of Oregon, that I am a safe, competent and lawful resident. And, I should be treated as such.

SB 554 would violate my Second Amendment, as it is written in The Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. In the fact, that I would not be able to defend myself on these properties. It would also, potentially make me a felon for crossing boundaries set forth by this bill.

If I wanted to be a criminal and felon. I would have long ago. The fact that I obtained my permit legally, and to the letter of the law. Should be in itself, satisfactory and be trusted for me to travel to previously mentioned: city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college or university properties.

In ending, I strongly encourage this committee to not move forward with SB 554. As it sets a very dangerous limitations on Oregon Concealed Handgun Permit holders and Oregonians. Thank you for your time on th his matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Edwards