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Dear Senate Committee,

I oppose SB554

As a concealed carry holder, I oppose this bill. Getting a concealed carry:

1. You go through a class.
2. Apply with your local sheriff department
3. Have to PASS a background check.
- 4 Be approved by your county sheriff.
5. Have to pay for both.

This bill gives extensive authority to who can decide whether I will be able to carry my weapon. At 64, my weapon gives me security that I can defend myself, should the need arise.

I believe in the Consitution, I am an avid supporter of the 2nd Amendment. "THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS" I believe most of you took an oath to uphold, so my question, why do you keep trying to infringe on that right?

A criminal isn't going to go "oh wait I can't carry here, he isn't going to care about your law. This bill strips the law abiding citizen a means of protection, against criminals in public settings should they need to. I believe many of the mass shootings where many died, would have had a different outcome had people been armed.

How many sitting on this committee have fenced yards and lock your doors? Why do you do that if you feel you are safe from criminals? How many of you own weapons for personal protection?

Hitler disarmed his people for one purpose, so they could not defend themselves. This bill is one more step to disarmement, in my opinion.

This bill is only one of many about gun control.

I ask the committee to oppose this bill.

Sincerely  
Teresa Burns