

Hi,

I am a registered nurse and this bill concerns me.

It concerns me for many reasons because it will make it harder for me to protect myself as a smaller woman, but I am most concerned because of the average literacy of the public that will be voting on this, and the way it is written.

When I teach my patients, I'm supposed to teach them in a fifth grade reading level. I'm counted on to keep things very short and only include five to seven points when I teach. This is because many of the people that live amongst us are functionally illiterate, and this is proven by numerous scientific studies. I think the people who wrote this bill are counting on that, and it's a little unfair.

I had to read it several times and ask people to explain it to me because I had a hard time reading it. I was an Honor Society president, graduated with honors and have a college degree, as well as work in practice areas that are technically challenging, and require me to constantly be getting education and reading.

How, if I had a hard time reading that is someone with an average education, or someone who is an average person in our society supposed to be able to read and make sense of exactly what kind of Rights they're giving away? We shouldn't have bills that have misleading titles and are too long and written too clunky to follow. This bill needs to be cleaned up and streamlined. The ideas need to flow and make sense.

Maybe they should separate all the points there trying to make into separate bills, or at least cut it in to 1/3rd. It seems like they're throwing too many distractors into this, why not separate into a bunch of separate bills?

Because as an educated person, and as someone who is entrusted to save people's lives, and teach people, I have a problem with the way that this bill is written. If I were to give someone medical instructions in the way that this bill was written, the public would be asking a lot of questions. Well, here I am, part of the public asking a lot of questions about this bill. It is unfairly written, worded, and presented for the average person who will be voting on it.

Thanks
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Hi there, I just wanted to share some comments I have about House Bill 978 that's being proposed. I have had a difficult time making sense of all the language in this bill but, the one thing that concerns me the most at this time that I can make sense of, is the language about concealed handgun license holders.

I am bothered by the provision to make CHL holders have to take their guns off their person in certain buildings.

How would a concealed handgun license holder be an issue in any building? This bill attacks and takes away the rights of the very people that were background checked, fingerprinted, have safety checks done on them, and have had their neighbors make statements as to how level-headed they are? The people who are forthright about their desire to feel safe and carry a gun in order to do so? The people who follow the law and pay for a license to do so? The people who have taken classes to get this license.

I as a woman, need to feel safe. My CHL helps me do that. Making it more difficult for me to carry will limit my quality of life, and it will limit my ability to feel safe. My gun won't just go off, I have to control it and the sherriff and FBI have deemed me an appropriate person to make that decision. I have compelling reasons to carry, and I, as many other people I know who carry, hold it in the highest regard and have respect for the priveledge.

I am also concerned with exactly how safe it would be to take a gun that's hidden on a person and not doing anything off the person and leave it in their vehicle where someone could steal it? This bill seems counterproductive and counterintuitive to the goals it's trying to meet which is supposedly safety. It does not create safety to take a gun off a person that's already been background checked and deem safe to have it and have them take it off their person and put it in their car just to go into one of these buildings or situations that this bill states that only people without weapons can be at.

My goal is to come speak on these points tomorrow, but I'm writing this email in case I am unable to show up. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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