

SB554: "Authorizes entity that owns, occupies or controls public building to adopt ordinance, rule or policy limiting or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public buildings by concealed handgun licensees." In other words, this erodes reciprocity. A patchwork of 2nd Amendment holes will form across the State, surely trapping well-intentioned people with no criminal history in a new legality. This is an absurdity and an offense to our rights to protect ourselves, nothing less.

But the question is: Will "bad people" obey this ordinance? No. They already don't obey the laws on the books about felons in possession of firearms, etc., and really don't care about where and when they can break such laws. Trust me, I know. I see this directly at work, as I work in Law Enforcement. The only thing stopping these bad folk are "good people" with guns, be they average citizens or sworn Law Enforcement Officers. But then, will "good people" obey this ordinance? Yes, to their potentially great detriment, as "good people" will then be at further disadvantage to the "bad people". What a disgusting proposal, this bill is.

Lest you think this is an oversimplification, need I go into the myriad aspects of human nature so evident as to be, dare I say, self-evident? That our world is becoming increasingly violent and evil, driven by those with no regard for existing laws, and that the 2nd Amendment is clearly a statement that we all have a right to defend ourselves against evil?

This whole Oregon Congressional Routine is such a tired endeavor....annual erosion or attempts-at-erosion of law-abiding citizens' gun rights by the anti-gun members of Oregon's Congress. Annual pushback from those of us who believe in personal responsibility, the Constitution, and who have a very realistic view of human nature and a very critical view of bills such as SB 554 which are one of a thousand other cuts intended to, over time, bring about the death of the 2nd Amendment.

Stop insulting our intelligence and stop believing we will ever cease to call out such bills for what they are. And know there are increasing numbers of people just like me who are, due to the growing, brazen attempts from members of our Oregon Congress, are also, conversely, growing in their investment to defend our liberties from these shameless attacks by increasing our financial and time investments and voting out of office all who will so disregard our Constitutionally protected rights. We are watching you, and you serve us, so stop these anti-liberty, anti-Constitutional, thinly-veiled attempts at stripping good people of their Constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms and to defend ourselves and our families from those who have no regard for the law.