

SB 554

As a retired teacher and an elderly woman with a Concealed Carry License, I am dismayed that this bill is even proposed. If you support this, you are supporting the endangerment of law abiding citizens. The blood of citizens who are not allowed to defend themselves if attacked will be on your hands and you should be held responsible. As I'm sure you know, citizens with conceal carry licenses are much less likely to commit crimes than even police officers if you read the studies in multiple states. So you are making felons out of the most law abiding citizens in our state.

As you release prisoners early, it only makes sense that there will be a rise in crime.

I have read some letters from people who support this bill and they state they are scared of guns. What does scary have to do with denying people of their second amendment rights? I find the 'peaceful protests' in Portland scary but I see no effort to stop them. Personally, I feel more comfortable knowing that I can take care of myself if attacked. It is scary to be helpless.

As you, I'm sure, know, gun free zones have a much higher incidence of assaults and crime.

Also, doubling the cost of a conceal carry license will be a hardship on people with a fixed income or those of lower economic means which we know many are minorities.

A stringent disallowing of guns to blacks was a part of slavery and Jim Crow. This law's basis comes from systemic racism.

Do the right thing and drop this bill.

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