

Good Morning, SB554, in my opinion, is restricting law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional right to defend themselves. It subjects them to laws that will imprison them and place undue financial burden on them with losses of more rights, (such as freedom), if found guilty of violating this unconstitutional proposed law. I carry a loaded firearm. I train and am proficient in its use. I am a safety conscious individual that is in control of my weapon at all times. I am aware of the law that concerns uses of deadly force and pray to God that I will never have to use my weapon to defend myself or those around me. I am prepared to face any consequences resulting from any improper use or incident that results from the carrying or usage of my weapon that violates the law. In summary, I am a law abiding citizen with compassion and respect for my fellow citizens. I am trained and proficient in the carrying, proper safety and usage of my weapon. Criminals do not follow laws and will carry a concealed weapon regardless of any laws put into place. Criminals do not respect the law and will not obey the law. This has been proven over and over in case studies. Using Chicago as an example. They have the strictest gun laws and highest rate of illegal firearms deaths in the country. The fact is that criminals do care about your laws. This will only hurt the population of law abiding concealed carry permitted gun owners in Oregon by restricting their rights.