

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing in opposition of this bill. I am confused as to the intended purpose or outcome of this bill. As a concealed carrier, I have already undergone training and passed a background check. I am not a criminal. You're trying to prevent lawfully armed responsible people from being able to defend themselves? This is a HUGE inconvenience for me if I drop my wife off at the airport. Not to mention all of the public buildings or schools I may pass by on my trip.

To date, no lawful concealed carrier has engaged in a mass shooting. They are not the people you should be worried about carrying a firearm. The issue lies with the unlawful carriers or criminals who will just disregard this legislation anyway.

Gun free zones tend to be the location of most, bordering on all, mass shootings. This makes them a soft target for would be shooters. I would prefer to have the means to defend myself and my family if the need arose. Especially with violence on the rise. Dont get me wrong, I would prefer to avoid this conflict. And dont be misled, as my intent would be to take myself and my family away from the threat if at all possible. Using my lawfully possessed firearm is an absolute last resort.

These new rules would make a CCW basically useless. And the fees should cover the cost of issuance and background, not be cost prohibitive. To increase fees arbitrarily discriminates against the lower income populations. In many cases these include indigenous and persons of color. Please don't change the restrictions on concealed carry holders. We are the law abiding citizens that you really shouldn't be concerned with. We're the ones that mind our own business. We are not a threat. Thank you for your time.