

SB554

I'm opposed to this Bill.

Our Nations' Constitution is the Absolute Supreme Law of Our Nation. No State may Create Laws that Disregard these. This bill will make it impossible to legally carry protection. Holders of concealed carry permits have gone through extensive background checks and training. Citizens with conceal carry have proven they are not a threat to anyone and have constantly stopped would be threats. Without conceal carry these threats would have ended with many people killed. 76% of Police Chiefs and Sheriffs said "law-abiding armed citizens help law enforcement reduce violent criminal activity" in the 28th annual survey by the National Association of Chiefs of Police at <http://www.mrctv.org/blog/survey-76-police-chiefs-say-armed-citizens-reduce-violent-crime>. The FBI report on 50 active shooter incidents in 2016-2017 <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-incidents-us-2016-2017.pdf/view> concluded that "Armed and unarmed citizens engaged the shooter in 10 incidents. They safely and successfully ended the shootings in eight of those incidents. Their selfless actions likely saved many lives." I believe only a criminal would support stripping law abiding citizens of their constitutional right of self defense.

Please keep Oregonians safe and do not pass this bill. Vote NO.