

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, Members Dembrow, Gelser, Heard, Linthicum & Manning,

I come before you in opposition of SB-554 for the simple fact that it restricts in some instances and prohibits in other instances my ability and right to defend myself. This right is guaranteed to me under the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, Second Amendment. and Oregon Constitution, Article 1, section 27.

Why would the supporters of SB-554 wish to take this right away from me? Did you not swear an oath to defend my right to bear arms for self defense?

A CHL holder in Oregon undergoes a rigid background check before being approved for concealed carry. Where is the threat of misuse?

This past year has been anything but civil in some cities. When an Uber driver is dragged out of her car and beaten, just for being in a certain part of the city. I for one, refuse to go down as a victim.

When law abiding citizens hands are tied to defend themselves and the lawless are encouraged to riot in our streets and burn down businesses, all the while police are told to stand down, we have a serious breakdown of our society.

Me fellow Oregonians, it is not your job to restrict and/or limit my right to self defense. This bill should not move out of committee.

Thank you very much for your time.

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