

Chair Prozanski,, Vice-chair Thatcher,

As a lifelong Oregon citizen, I ask that you strongly oppose Senate Bill 554.

Senate Bill 554 will create felons out of Oregon's law-abiding citizen population with 5 years' imprisonment and a \$125,000 fine – all for exercising United States and Oregon Constitutional Rights to bear arms.

This is intended to disarm law abiding citizens and placate people who fear being in the presence of guns. Fear is not a reason to take away our Constitutional Rights.

I have a right to defend myself. I have a right to go to public places. I take great care in educating myself and work to skillfully and safely use my firearm.

Ironically, this bill will make our public places MORE dangerous – if passed the criminals will know exactly where to go to inflict massive carnage.... the gun free zones.

Additionally, what's the "logic" in raising fees – you're taxing me for exercising my Constitutional Rights.

Time for you to do the real work Oregon needs. Get rid of the Gangs. Get tough on the repeat offenders. Leave law abiding citizens alone.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheralyn Kemp