

My name is Deborah Marrington. I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554. This bill would make me and many others into potential felons while just about our day to day tasks. I often travel alone and this could hamper my ability to protect myself if my vehicle breaks down during my travels.

I am a responsible gun owner/hunter. I was taught very early that guns were not toys and they must be handled properly. I grew up in a time when many high school students had gun racks in the back window of their trucks while parked at school. These vehicles were unlocked while the students attended classes. During this period of my life hunter education, responsibly using/owning a rifle was a rite of passage into adulthood. Our history attests to the importance of gun ownership in protecting ourselves and our nation. Our constitution grants us that right.

I understand many people have concerns regarding gun issues. Our society is very pro education. I feel that this area is greatly lacking in education. It seems that now would be a great time to expand our studies to include firearms as we do for drivers education.

Thank you for your time.