

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher

Hello my name is Troy Lowrie

"I write in opposition to Senate Bill 554

I am currently a practicing registered nurse in critical care in the state of Oregon.

I have possessed a concealed handgun license and carried a weapon for self defense for 19 years without incident.

My concern is that this peice of legislation will severely limit my ability to defend myself and my family while in public. I am also concerned that I myself could be prosecuted for excersising my constitutional right to keep and baer arms turning me into a felon.

Will someone intent on causing us harm take pause and ask permission from the sheriff before committing a heinous evil act simple because this

Legislative body made laws which attempt to strip law abiding citizens of their inalienable right to self defense.

Why then restrict and punish the citizens that go through extensive background checks and training from excersising their constitutional right, which in fact is not yours to take away. Murder is already a crime. Potential use of force scenarios happen in seconds. The authorities respond in minutes to hours.

This bill and any bill like it should stop here and not go on, punishing people who voluntarily stand up and allow they're lives to be investigated with extensive background checks, who wish to abide by the law and cooperate with law enforcement is counter productive and dangerous. I am a competent nurse. I am competent with my firearms. Please don't create a competent felon.

Thank you for your time