

To Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher

I am writing you in opposition to Senate Bill 554.

I am not sure what the reason for this bill is. Where is the science and data indicating that there is a real problem with concealed carry permit holders that this bill solves? There is none. Unfortunately, what this bill does is create a way to make law abiding citizens into criminals. By creating an impossible to follow mosaic of restrictions on concealed carry you will punish citizens who have taken a firearm training course, been fingerprinted, and approved by the County Sheriff. In contrast this bill would do nothing to stop criminals from carrying a weapon in these areas. It seems you are more concerned about making citizens into criminals than keeping criminals in check.

It seems ironic that this same committee is responsible for the implementation of Ballot Measure 110 that decriminalizes drug use. The committee is trying to criminalize legal concealed carry while working to decriminalize drug use. Ironic.

Thank you

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