

Dear Chair Prozanski and Vice-Chair Thatcher,

My name is Jason Yordy, and I oppose Senate Bill 554.

It has been proven time and time again, that those seeking to harm others with a fire arm, do not abide to "gun free" zones. In fact history has proven that "gun free" zones are a magnet to those type of criminals. Giving those who do carry concealed the ability to protect those around them and stop a perpetrator who would seek to harm others is a quicker response than calling the police.

When you were elected to public office, you swore an oath to uphold the Oregon Constitution. It states, under Article 1, Bill of Rights, Section 27, Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power:

The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

This bill is in opposition of the Oregon Constitution and thus, this bill should be retracted.

We all are to be involved with protecting one another and in stopping criminals. This bill does nothing to stop criminals. It would only further limit citizens from protecting one another. It also emboldens criminals into getting away with more crime.

This bill should not move forward at all! It should not move out of this committee. End this bill now!

Thank you,  
Jason Yordy