

Chair Prozanski, Vice chair Thatcher;

My name is Robert Haphey, I have been retired 18 years from a 29 year career in Law Enforcement. During and after retiring I instructed the required concealed carry classes for 18 years. In all the students I found no one who was wanting to carry concealed to go out and look for trouble, the citizenry were wanting to be able to protect themselves and their families. This SB 554 is not good for the citizens of Oregon who wish to protect themselves and their families carrying concealed while traveling locally or throughout this state. The reality criminals are not going to follow the law no matter how severe you make them. And currently with the failure to prosecute criminal behavior they have no accountability as to their actions. There is never going to be a police officer on every corner to properly protect the citizens, and with the negative attitude to law enforcement more officers are going to leave the profession. Finding trained replacements is also going to be difficult if not at all. This then leaves the citizens to defend themselves and their families, put yourself in their shoes.

In closing please kill this bill, it serves the law abiding citizen not good but leaves them vulnerable to become victims of the lawless.
Thank you