

Testimony in opposition to SB554: 2/21/2021

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

We insist you reject SB554 and ensure that it does not pass out of committee. It is a clear violation of the United States and Oregon Constitutions. The 2nd amendment to the Constitution of the United States is stated, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

All members of the State Legislature have been sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. To support this bill would be a violation of your oath of office.

SB554 is a direct attack on law abiding gun owners who have undergone extensive training in the safe use of firearms, background checks, finger-printing, and registration with the county Sheriff's department. Concealed handgun license holders are responsible citizens who have gone to great lengths to ensure the free exercise of their Second Amendment rights.

We are both CHL holders and we carry our firearms lawfully for our own protection, as well as the protection of others. SB554 is a government overreach aimed at limiting our right to self defense. There are already federal laws prohibiting firearms in certain sensitive facilities such as courthouses. We do not need new legislation restricting our liberty as American citizens. Our right to bear arms is an unalienable right from God, not from the government, not from the legislature, not from the courts, but from our Almighty Creator.

We respectfully request that the committee reject SB554 which is an unnecessary and dangerous piece of legislation.

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