

To The Honorable "Chair, Senator Prozanski, Vice-chair, Senator Thatcher and Committee Members:"

My name is Bonnie Montoya-May

I come before you with written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 554

In these days of polarization, uncertainty and chaos, criminals and extremist fringe groups have ease of access to black-market and unlicensed weapons including fire arms, knives, bombs and the like, and as we have seen across the country, are targeting the very public spaces this bill will effectively reduce safety for. These public spaces including city, county, metropolitan service districts and buildings, ports operating commercial airports, school districts, colleges and universities, are where citizens and public workers are the least safe. It is not citizens who have taken the time to learn proper use and safety and are properly and legally licensed to carry a concealed weapon for their own protection that we have to worry about. It is the criminals who enter a facility with ill-intent and most-likely carrying unlicensed black-market weapons that are making our public places and institutions unsafe and that we should be gravely concerned with. I respectfully ask this committee to "Kill this Bill."

Thank you for your consideration.