

"Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher"

My name is Patty Barsalou and I come before you today in strong opposition to SB544.

By its nature, this bill takes away rights endowed by our creator; Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In giving the authorization to all of those listed in the bill to prohibit carrying a concealed handgun, by a legal gun owner with a license you are directly affecting our liberty. Liberty and freedom are not yours to take away with the stroke of a pen. This is a very slippery slope. By your actions, if we take this a little farther, what will be the next freedom that is taken from people? What if gambling and lottery are deemed to be not in the public interest? Will that be next? Or perhaps smoking? Allowing public entities to determine which freedoms are acceptable and which are not is completely unacceptable to the people of this state and country.

I urge you, Kill the Bill!

Thank you for your time and responsiveness.

Respectfully,

Patty Barsalou