

Senate Judiciary Committee

Subject: SB 554

Dear Senators:

I am writing to you today to voice my concerns over this bill. I am a firm believer in the Second Amendment and I am a voting Democrat. I also carry legally a concealed firearm. In reading the text of SB 554 I can once again see that the Democratic Party in Oregon has a definite fear of the responsible gun owner. This bill should it pass is nothing but a trap being set by the government to do away with concealed carry for protection. The only part of it that I can agree with is the dollar fees associated with the Concealed Carry permit application.

By allowing every city, town and county to create their own web of laws there is no way that the responsibly armed citizen could leave their home and the penalty stated are insanely inappropriate.

The problem with firearms is not the responsibly armed citizen it is the citizen that has not passed a background check when purchasing a firearm and applying for a CHL, which all responsible firearms owner already do. Your attempt to create a web that we are completely unable to navigate is unconstitutional at best.

I urge you to oppose this bill and not allow it out of committee. Instead, you should have law enforcement focus on the people that have not gone through the process stated above and enforce the laws that are already on the books because 99% of crime is not caused by myself or my fellow gunowners and the 1% that does is still going to fall through the cracks in this legislation.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,
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