

What is the goal of SB 554? Are you trying to reduce murders or armed robberies? Are you trying to punish those who commit murder or other violence with a gun? No. Your goal is to control and restrict law-abiding Oregon citizens who just want to protect themselves.

Do you think criminals take a course, pay a fee, and wait for a license to carry a concealed handgun? No, law-abiding citizens do that.

Do you think a "no guns allowed" sign on a door is going to keep out a violent, jealous man intent on killing his ex-wife? No, but he knows law-abiding citizens will obey the sign and that means he's sure there won't be any CHL carriers there to stop him.

Use common sense! This legislation will do nothing to reduce gun-related crimes! It will only prevent law-abiding concealed carry citizens from protecting themselves from violent criminals. Those citizens include women who rely on concealed carry as the best protection against a violent, abusive man in their lives.

Unlike our governor, senators, and representatives, most of us don't have the luxury of having armed guards where we work. If you want to restrict concealed carry, let's talk after you first pass a law to prevent the state police from protecting your lives with their firearms.

Please kill this bill now! And work on something else that will actually reduce violent crime.