

Chair Prozanski, Vice-chair Thatcher

My name is David Goodnature

I come before you in opposition to Senate Bill 554.

Self reliance is once of the concepts that made this country great. How far away we have fallen from that ideal.

I am a rural landowner. I feel it is imperative to be able to protect those I love and my property. Any response from law enforcement where I live will be 'too little, too late' if a dangerous situation presents itself. My rights to protect myself and others is guaranteed under the Constitution.

The media continues to sensationalize violence in our country by promoting "headlines" to increase market share. Blame the guns? The latest shooting has just as much or more to do with the mental health crisis in this country than guns, but let's blame an inanimate item and not the user. Again, it is a lack of self reliance and personal responsibility that continues to be condoned by politicians as well as the media that causes these problems, not the tools that people choose to use.

Why would there be record numbers of legal, law abiding NEW gun owners this year if citizens wanted their Second Amendment rights stripped away? People want to be safe. People want to protect themselves. People understand that it is not the government's job to solve all our problems or to protect us from every ill.

Kill the Bill.

Thank you.