

Dear Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation,
My name is Raisa Piatkoff and I am a mother of two that lives in the Willamette Valley. I ask that you oppose SB554.

SB554 will make law abiding, certified gun carrying citizens, including CHL holders, turn into criminals when they come near hospitals, schools, malls, and other public buildings including our very own capital.

I am listening to the bill hearing right now. So far, school shootings have been mentioned as well as angry armed citizens that stormed the capital.

What they fail to mention is that someone carrying a gun and IS NOT acting dangerous, is not a criminal until he points the gun at an innocent unarmed person.

SB554 will not create less dangerous individuals acting criminally with firearms, rather, turn law abiding citizens into criminals. Those who wish to cause harm at the end of a firearm, will not be following these laws.

How many of the public shooting events involved certified and trained gun owners? When CHL holders are involved in public shooter events, the trained and certified individuals take down the dangerous criminal and therefore end up saving lives by shortening the tirade of unlawful criminal and dangerous actions.

As a single mother and a woman, I am safer in a situation when I am armed especially when faced with a male individual that wishes to cause me or my children harm. Laws that limit my ability to do so will only create more situations where women and children are put into further danger.

For the sake of my children, law abiding concealed handgun holders and I, I ask that you oppose SB554.

Thank you.

Raisa Piatkoff