

My name is Stacy Byers. I live in Clatsop County. I am a mother of 7, and a Pastor's wife. I oppose SB 554. I have a CCL in the states of Oregon, WA, and TN. I grew up in a crime ridden area of NJ. It wasn't until I married my husband in 1997 that I learned the importance of gun safety. My husband is from the North West and proper firearm usage and safety was something he had always grown up with. He taught me and all of our children proper gun safety. Since then, I have been formally trained and legally licensed. As a mother of 7 children, I carry my firearm everywhere I go in Oregon and in WA state. My husband and son are both first responders, and we see the devastation and crime that legalized drugs has created here in OR. SB 554 will take away my rights to protect my family. It will make me a criminal if I am caught legally carrying my firearm. This bill greatly concerns me. I am also mortified that the counsel is hearing arguments and possibly voting on such an important constitutional issue via livestream! A platform that is ridden full of technical glitches. To decide such an important issue without Oregon citizens as a whole voting on it, is deplorable! This measure does not keep criminals from shooting innocent people. No law can do that. There will always be bad people, doing heinous things. All this measure will do is keep the good people from defending themselves and those that they love. Those that have legally obtained their CHL are not the bad guys. Please do not make us criminals by limiting where we can carry. Passing this bill may make certain people "feel" safe. But we can't pass laws based on feelings. Criminals don't care about your feelings, nor do they call about your laws. Please don't punish law abiding CHL citizens! Please vote against SB 554. Do not take away my legal right to defend my family. In passing this measure, you will make both my husband, and myself criminals. We will continue to carry to protect those that we love.

Thank you.