

I submitted written testimony already but here is the testimony I planned on presenting today; but was too far down the list to be called.

Chair Prozansky, Vice chair Thatcher and members of the committee~

For the record my name is Tricia Hafner; I'm testifying today in opposition of SB 554. This bill is a direct attack to conceal carry holders. These are all law abiding citizens who have taken training, paid their fees and passed background checks. All chl holders I know take this permit with huge responsibility taking additional trainings and practicing regularly with their handgun. As a mother of 4, and smaller framed female I don't feel safe waiting minutes for police to respond when being robbed by a bad guy with a gun; or when they attempt to kidnap my child when I have seconds to stop their pursuit. If I'm going to any location that does not allow conceal carry it is irresponsible of those who said you just leave the handgun in your vehicle, because there are many more car break ins, then there are gun incidents specifically by someone with a chl. While the chances are low of my vehicle being broken into it is much lower of any chl holder using their weapon for anything but protection of themselves or someone else in extreme danger. Chl holders hold themselves to a higher standard then many citizens as we would never want to do anything to jeopardize our permits. I strongly urge you to allow me to protect myself and my children at all times by voting no on SB 554. Thank you for your time