

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members, et al,

Please accept my testimony herein, in strong opposition of HB 554.

I have been following this poorly created legislation from its inception. I viewed the virtual live testimony this morning. It's my understanding there were many in opposition that were not allowed to testify. I am not surprised but I am sickened. Exactly what is this legislation supposed to do besides make criminals out of law abiding citizens? I have not heard one good reason this far.

This is just another gun hating piece of legislation that tramples on our constitutional rights to appease a small fringe group of gun haters who have no concept of why our right to defend ourselves exists in the first place. It's truly disturbing that the legislature is making anti-gun legislation paramount in a year when Oregon needs so many other things addressed. The hate driven agenda of the anti gunners and their fringe supporters is sickening and so is the fact that our legislators are making it a priority. The emergency clause is the bitter icing on the cake. There is literally no way a citizen could be sure they were in compliance upon implementation. That's wrong. It's a trap and you know it.

The penalties are extreme and for no good reason. I'd wager a criminal who was illegally possessing a weapon in a gun free zones would not be as severely punished as the law abiding CHL holders this legislation seeks to criminalize would be. Why do you want to make me a criminal when I'm a good citizen? I really want you to answer that directly. So far no one else has.

Please deposit this legislation where it belongs, in the shredder, and concentrate on the business of the state that is actually needed!

On Behalf of the other 300,000 law abiding Oregonian CHL holders and myself, who are responsible for virtually ZERO CRIMINAL ACTS, I ask you to kill this legislation here and now.

Thank you.

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