

To the Chair and Committee Persons: My name is Cynthia McCall. I reside in Columbia County. I believe that the general knowledge that there are Concealed Holder Licensees in public is a deterrent to criminal use of guns in public. Gun free zones are a soft target for the lawless. Many public buildings don't belong just to, and are not used just by the local residents. Depriving persons of the lawful use for self-defense in these areas is against our rights as stated in the Second Amendment. Having patchwork rules for all the different public buildings and locations would put lawful Concealed Carry Holders in jeopardy of unearned and unjust prosecution. Equating CHLs with violent persons in legislative arguments and rulings criminalizes the lawful and baselessly poisons the minds of the general public against those who would exercise their lawful and legal gun rights. This Bill is contrary to the United States Constitution and should not be passed. Thank you for accepting my testimony, Cynthia McCall