

Hello

Chair prozanski, vice chair thatcher and members of the committee.

My name is Matthew Parker

I am a Linn county resident and concealed carry license holder in Oregon and Utah .

I am here today to oppose senate bill 554 . This bill makes no sense!!

Not one public mass shooting in Oregon was committed by a concealed license holder.

So why are we trying to establish a law (with an emergency clause ???) to stop law abiding citizens from concealed carrying in public? We as permit holders have paid our fees and signed a contract., and now the state of Oregon wants to change the rules and make everyday law abiding citizens into felons. These same law abiding citizens are the very ones who would be there to step up and protect anyone in an active shooter or mass shooting situation or any type of criminal situation. Taking guns away from concealed gun holders will not decrease gun violence . Gun violence is more than 99.9% of the time a result of criminal activity . So let's take the guns away from criminals or better yet keep the criminals from getting their hands on guns. NEWS FLASH. SB 554 will not stop, gun violence .

In fact it will actually increase gun violence because chl license holders won't be there in seconds to save lives when police are more than several minutes away to respond .

We could actually go on and on about all the times that an active shooter situation has been stopped by a chl holder.

And what about those increased permit license and renewal fees. They are supposedly

To help police have faster response times... But I though police were being defunded??

Portland has seen huge increases in shootings and gun violence since the Portland gun violence team has been defunded and closed . So where will, the money actually go?

Not that long ago a good friend of mine from high school and her new boyfriend was murdered in her own home

By a previous boyfriend-stalker who also happened to previously been a law enforcement officer . There are statistics that prove that law enforcement officers commit violent gun crimes 1/7 more than concealed carry permit holders. So why are we not taking guns away from the police? I believe there is actually an amendment or exemption to allow retired law enforcement to carry in public even though they are 1/7 of the time more dangerous. As was the case in my friends murder. I have not heard of any murders in Oregon being carried out by chl holders..

Question: So why do we need to remove concealed carry guns from everyday lawabiding citizens and turn them into felons??

Answer: we don't

PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB 554 and kill this bill and let it die in committee.

And most of all. KEEP OREGON SAFE