

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB618

Dear lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on SB-618. I believe this bill is well intentioned but you need to consider the types of people who would want to lawfully wear body armor. A lot of home owners may possess and choose to don body armor when confronting a criminal trespassing on their property, breaking into their rigs, or breaking into their homes. This body armor would help save them when confronting these predators who are armed. Say the home owner finds themselves in a self defense shooting situation. They should not have to fear an enhancement of possible charges because they wore body armor to confront these criminals while they are waiting on a determination from a grand jury or having to fight their self defense cases in court if they find themselves in a county/city with an overzealous prosecutor who wants to bring charges against anybody who defends themselves. People may also want to lawfully wear body armor during a protest where they are exercising their constitutional rights. We saw in the time preceding the george floyd incident that the black lives matter/antifa protests broke out into violence and chaos where there was cities burnt down and shootings and murders all over America. The year following the george floyd incident 52 people were murdered at black lives matter protests that descended into chaos and destruction. I see nowhere in this bill any protection for homeowners/property owners/businesses/self defense in public cases and that worries me a great deal. Because of that fact alone I ask you to please vote NO on SB-618 until an amendment is made to protect these constitutional rights. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chad Kernutt
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