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Limiting where licensed concealed handgun carriers can carry does not make people safer. The State doesn't guarantee 100% security and safety. They do not provide secure storage for the arms removed from the law abiding. None of that is safe or secure. By making a person remove a firearm is one less bit of safety.

The text could not be more clear

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed".

Oregon's constitution also provides a right to bear arms. Article 1, Section 27, of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

Amendment 24 – "Elimination of Poll Taxes" Having to pay a fee to exercise a Right, is equivalent to a poll tax. It's not Constitutional.

The Equal Protection Clause, part of the Fourteenth Amendment, ensures that states must treat people similarly situated under the law, guaranteeing equal protection under the law for all citizens.

By adding more restrictions to basic Rights, Oregon has violated the 14th Amendment as well.