

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB698

Dear [Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 698. This bill, if enacted, would impose an undue burden on law-abiding citizens who are doing their best to comply with existing laws.

Under SB 698, individuals traveling across the state would be required to navigate a confusing patchwork of local regulations. While some municipalities may allow concealed carry, others may prohibit it entirely. This inconsistency puts responsible gun owners at risk of unintentionally breaking the law simply by crossing into a different jurisdiction.

Additionally, having a valid concealed carry license should serve as an affirmative defense against local restrictions. It demonstrates that the individual has already undergone background checks, training, and met stringent state requirements. A concealed carry license should also allow the holder to bypass arbitrary waiting periods and other redundant gun control measures that only serve to inconvenience responsible gun owners without enhancing public safety.

Rather than enhancing public safety, SB 698 would create legal traps for everyday citizens and undermine uniformity in the application of state law. I urge you to vote no on this bill and instead support legislation that respects the rights of responsible gun owners and ensures clarity and fairness in our legal system.

Sincerely,  
Tony Bush  
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