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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB698

I oppose SB698 because it risks putting concealed carriers at odds with the law. It creates a total mess of the legality of carrying concealed depending on one's specific location or proximity to certain properties, simply by travelling along roadways, paths or routes that are very commonly travelled by all people. When someone is entering a building, it can be made very clear with signage that there are no firearms allowed, which affords a person the ability to store their firearm or simply not enter the building. When you make imaginary, invisible lines, you've created law spaghetti that makes it nearly impossible for a well-intentioned firearm owner to abide by.

I also ask what demonstrable effect on public safety this bill passing would actually have? Are we just making laws to make owning firearms extremely difficult or make criminals out of firearms owners? Or are we doing something that will have a real, positive impact?

Thank you,

Jeff