

I oppose passage of SB243. First, it delays an immediate firearm purchase by a person who needs it to counter an urgent, life-threatening situation, for example a woman who is suddenly dealing with threats from a former spouse or someone who lives in a high crime area with a recent victim just a few doors away in the neighborhood. Second, restricting public areas where a CHL carrier can possess a firearm is an invitation for a criminal shooter to find targets in that low-threat area, and the restriction denies a CHL carrier the ability to respond to a life-threatening situation in that area. Please note that a law-abiding CHL carrier uses a firearm only in a life-threatening situation. SB243 does nothing to stop criminals from shooting the public.