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SB0745 Written Testimony

I do not understand this body. The nature of this bill seems to be to attack newly minted concealed carry permit holders in an attempt to dissuade us from exercising our **right** to carrying firearms outside the home for self-defense.

This is the time where our representatives should be strengthening our rights, not attacking lawful gun owners and dreaming up ways of sending us to prison. If you must move forward with this, please remove the jail time or amend it to be a fine. If you cannot see fit to do that, limit the jail time to two years or less for those who did not intend to break the law. This is yet another attack on otherwise law-abiding citizens exercising out constitutionally protected **right**. If it is the desire of the states attorney general not to prosecute lawful concealed carry holders, then put it in writing in this bill.

I feel the least safe when driving with my daughters from point A to point B. Carjackings have increased greatly. Do you expect me to disarm myself and not be able to protect them? This does not meet the requirements of history, text, and tradition as set for in the Bruen decision.

The Supreme Court ruled that “the standard for applying the Second Amendment is as follows: When the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.”. All this bill seeks to do it through me in prison, strip me of my **right** to keep and bear arms, and catastrophically harm my children and my wife in convicted.

Neighboring states have higher rates of concealed carry holders and much lower murder rates and violent crimes as a result. Having more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens makes us safer in general, and there is plenty of proof, if you would just open your minds to the possibility that this bill is a step in the wrong direction.