

Judiciary Committee,

I am sending in a written testimony and wish to speak as well on Wednesday March 29th regarding the bills being heard.

SB0001 Criminal Law – Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms- Restrictions (Gun Safety Act 2023)

When I read what this bill says, the determination that now all public places and private property are gun free zones I begin to realize that this law is to say that all citizens who follow the law do not matter. I do not agree with Private Schools being added to this list as they are often the only safe space for children to go to school because they have armed security. As for local governments please leave that up to the local government body to decide.

As you can imagine criminals do not follow the law so they will be very happy to have free reign to go where ever they please to use their illegal guns to commit crimes and go unpunished while doing so.

A call to the police when a criminal is pointing a gun at a law abiding citizen could be answered in 20 minutes or so if the police have the staff to do so. But think of the terror of a Mother with her children being held at gunpoint and being robbed or beaten, or worse just so a criminal can get what every they want. Then if the mother survives, she will know that the criminal might get a slap on the wrist and be out of jail in hours if caught.

The number of Concealed Carry holder in this state is up substantially because it has become a scary place to live, not because the people just want to freely carry a gun. So many of the students I have taught concealed carry classes to are truly grateful to be able to provide the first response to a threat, rather than wait 20 minutes for someone to come when the threat has done whatever harm they want and is free on the streets to continue going after the unarmed. Everyone's lives matter, not just the criminals' lives.

I request an unfavorable review on SB0001

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