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About SB 1 (Gun Safety Act of 2023)-**Oppose**

Dear Chair,

I wanted to submit my Opposition to the current SB1 bill that you will vote on. While there have been many positive changes to this bill, there are still many problems. One of the worst included is banning the ability to carry anywhere that has a license to sell alcohol. This is particularly troubling to me as I do not and have not ever drank alcohol. My rights are being taken from me because of what others could do. I am all for banning carrying of firearms while consuming alcohol, but not just in the presence of it being served.

If someone wants to attack my wife or myself at a restaurant, I'm not able to defend us properly just because someone on the other side of the restaurant is consuming alcohol. That doesn't sound like it helps with anything.

Many of the other locations listed, such as stadiums, museums, racetracks, etc. are prime places where someone would have to defend themselves. The whole point to carrying a firearm is to defend yourself and family. Why would these places get an exception from that? I ask that you please consider changing this bill to not restrict places that firearms can be carried.

Thank you,
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