

Gene Moore's Testimony

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To Whom It May Concern:

**Passing HB178 should be a no-brainer!**

One could ask why this bill is EVEN needed in the first place when our RIGHT to defend ourselves is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights/2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

Why do we currently have to have "government approval" (a concealed carry permit)? It is our RIGHT ... guaranteed in the Constitution...."**shall not be infringed!**"

Do we have to get "government approval" to exercise our Freedom of Speech?

Of course not! It is the Bill of **RIGHTS** and NOT the Bill of "Approvals".

Any citizen, who has done nothing to loose the right of self-protection by concealed carry, should not have to seek "government approval" to defend themselves, their families, or their property.

This **BASIC HUMAN FREEDOM**, the **RIGHT to self-defense**, is not even debatable.

**It is time to correct the situation by passing HB178 ASAP!**

Sincerely,

Gene Moore