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I have never understood the drastic regulations placed on law abiding citizens when it comes to concealed carry. The idea that our state regulates and puts into place laws that drastically restrict the law abiding citizen from carrying a concealed weapon seems like a contradiction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The current concealed carry law should be streamlined. It should read along the lines of, if you are legally allowed to possess a firearm then you are allowed to carry it.

The current law is far better than what we started with years ago but I think we can do better. The way in which we improve the current law is to remove the duty to notify portion of the law. From the beginning, I never understood the true purpose of the duty to notify. I believe it came about with the best of intentions and on the surface gives people the idea that Law Enforcement are now safer because a CHL holder who is carrying needs to notify the officer that he or she is carrying concealed. Though in reality we are requiring the law abiding citizen, the person who has a background check, the person who jumped through the legal hoops to obtain a CHL to tell me they are carrying concealed. As a police officer I am not worried about that person. The CHL holder are the good guys, I am concerned with the bad guys. The convicted felon who is unlawfully carrying a firearm is not going to notify. The career criminal or the anti government person is not going to notify. The person who shoots an officer as they walk up their car during a traffic stop is not going to notify. These are the people I am concerned about, the dangerous 1%. This 1% of society is what is dangerous to the law enforcement officer during the course of our duties.

So I ask you, how does duty to notify make us safer? Or is it a solution to a problem that does not exist? Please amend the current law and eliminate the duty to notify.

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