

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 1238

Chris McNutt, Executive Director

Texas Gun Rights

Richardson, TX

I support the movement to make Texas the 19th Constitutional Carry state.

If passed and signed into law, Constitutional Carry would allow law-abiding citizens to protect themselves by carrying a handgun without first getting a government permission slip.

This is the way it is done in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Even neighboring Oklahoma and Arkansas have Constitutional Carry laws -- and Louisiana is likely to join them this year. There is NO reason Texans should have less freedom than citizens in neighboring states!

The current permitting process amounts to a tax on our right to self-defense. With Constitutional Carry of a long gun (shotgun or rifle) already legal in Texas, it makes no sense to require a license to carry a handgun -- it should be optional (for reciprocity).

I respectfully urge you to publicly support and vote for HB 1238 & HB 2900. No amendments. No compromise!

Timothy Krohn

Self, retired.

Harker Heights, TX

Distinguished Members,

I sincerely hope that I am commenting on the correct bill regarding Constitutional Carry for law abiding Texas citizens. I am 67yrs old and have spent most of my life around firearms and currently own a modest collection. With each purchase I undergo a background check and have, in the past taken Hunter safety training as well as having held a Utah CCL, as well as firearms training for military service. In the last legislative session the possession of brass knuckles and clubs as well as "kitty keychains" because it was felt that Texans had a right to protect themselves. The law allows me to carry a long gun or a knife of any size without requiring me to pay for a training course and license. On a fixed income and in my case, age and certain medical issues pose a clear infringement on my Second Ammmendment right to bear arms. I can own handguns, keep one in my car and yet if I step out of the car with it, I become a felon. The freedom of law abiding Texans to protect themselves and their families should not be limited to needing to resort to hand to hand combat with knives or clubs and the idea of carrying around a shotgun while out with the family in ludicrous. So it is with utmost respect that I demand that proper consideration and passage be given to Constitutional Carry as provided for by the United States Constitution.

Respectfully Yours,

Timothy Krohn

Russ Deaton

Self/ contractor

Denton, TX

The right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon!

Gerardo Barrero

Self

Houston, TX

I support this bill 100% Let's make it happen!!

Veronica Nippert, Constituent

Self

Cedar park, TX

VOTE YES FOR HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900

Jack Boyd

Self, disabled

Raywood, TX

I am 63 years old and disabled. Texas should join other States and allow Constitutional carry for the citizens. We should not be required to ask permission or pay a fee, to be able to protect ourselves and our families. Crime is rising so fast with people being assaulted and even murdered in the streets. I am unable to defend myself any longer and it makes me a target, by the thugs blocking roads, destroying property and assaulting innocent people.

Jarod Spraggins

Self Athletic Training

San Antonio, TX

I find this bill very important, and crucial to the safety of law abiding citizens. We already know that the lawless have guns, this should not be a surprise to anyone, yet some act like there are not bad people or criminals. This bill would allow someone who feels threatened, or is suddenly finding themselves working in a potentially unsafe environment, to level the playing field. I am not saying having a gun makes you James Bond, I just believe we ALL deserve a chance at a fair fight.

Clint Hart

TSRA

Colleyville, TX

The second amendment is our guaranteed right to BEAR arms . There is no limitation or restriction on HOW we bear those arms. Sounds pretty straight forward to me. Please stop penalizing the law abiding majority for the actions of the law breaking minority. DONT TREAD ON ME.

Carlo Gonzalez

Legal gun owners

EL PASO, TX

??LEGISLATIVE UPDATE??

It's happening...

Thanks to the persistent activism of pro-gun Texans across the state, Texas Gun Rights-backed Constitutional Carry House Bills 1238 & 2900 were just scheduled for a hearing in the Texas House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee!

In fact, the hearing will take place NEXT week on Thursday, March 25th at 10:30am in Austin!

Even better, due to changes in legislative protocols surrounding COVID-19, testimony to the committee can now be submitted ONLINE in support of this critical bill!

Register your support here -> <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c420>

Just click the link above, fill out your information, select the bill number and submit your testimony to the committee. You can copy and paste this simple message:

“Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.”

HB 1238 & HB 2900 simply state that if you can legally possess a handgun, you can carry it -- open or concealed -- to protect yourself and your loved ones without having to beg for government permission.

In other words, as a law-abiding citizen, you shouldn't need any “permission slip” from the government to carry your lawfully possessed handgun.

Under Constitutional Carry, the current permitting system will remain in place as optional for residents to obtain a License To Carry, allowing carry in other states (reciprocity).

The only difference is a citizen is not FORCED to ask for government permission in order to exercise this important constitutional right inside state lines.

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What non-sense!

It's time politicians in Austin put an end to this disparity between long guns and handguns by passing true Constitutional Carry legislation!

That's why it's so important you urge the committee to support HB 1238 & HB 2900.

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Eighteen states already have Constitutional Carry laws on the books with Montana and Utah joining the ranks earlier this year.

Even neighboring Oklahoma and Arkansas have Constitutional Carry as law of the land, yet law-abiding Texans are being forced to beg for government permission to protect themselves and their loved ones.

There is absolutely NO reason law-abiding Texans should have less freedom than neighboring states...

But as it stands, Texas is even trailing behind liberal Northeastern states like Maine and New Hampshire when it comes to Constitutional Carry.

This is simply UNACCEPTABLE.

We will have to push hard if we want to make Constitutional Carry a reality in Texas.

You see, the political class in Austin is going to throw every possible roadblock in the path of Constitutional Carry, just as they've done in the

James Robertson

-- please select a prefix --

El Paso, TX

This is our right according to our constitution.. Any regulations against law abiding citizens is against the constitution therefore, illegal.. Any law against firearms only affect law abiding citizens.. Criminals don't obey laws..

Thank you.. Our Texas constitution and our U.S. constitution are clear , shall not be infringed

Charles Collins

Self

Orange, TX

I support this bill

Christopher Proctor

Self

Cypress, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Corey Rakowitz

Self

Live Oak, TX

“Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.”

Mark Holley

Self

Mesquite, TX

I strongly support this bill because it gives all Texans the ability to protect themselves and others. As a retired law enforcement

officer, I have seen the statistics on self defense shootings and they document many saved lives. Criminals don't follow the law and never have. Law abiding citizens do and deserve the right to bear arms as guaranteed by the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution.

Justin Upchurch, Mr.

Texas Gun Rights and the US Constitution

Kingwood, TX

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Thomas Rowe, MD

Family and physician

LEAGUE CITY, TX, TX

My family and I have long supported the right to carry a firearm and protect our family and property. We ask that you all support the right for law abiding Texans and citizens to be free to carry openly or concealed without government permission!
Thank you and God Bless Texas

Ollen Burnette, Mr

Self - Retired

Killeen, TX

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"...The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Seth Morris

self

Flower Mound, TX

I support HB 1238 due to some very basic considerations. First, the right of self defense is a God-given right that no government should obstruct, and owing to humanity's current level of technology, the only tools that can ensure safety and parity with criminal violence are firearms. Thus, the restriction of either the ability to own or carry (keep and bear) such tools is an infringement on that right. We should remove all such infringements for adult citizens who are otherwise eligible for firearm ownership. Next, many states have moved to a stance of Constitutional carry, and there have been no deleterious effects on the safety of citizens or crime rates. If anything, data shows that violent crime has gone down within five years of passing Constitutional carry bills. Traditionally, laws restricting and infringing upon the ability of lawful citizens to protect themselves has disproportionately affected the poor in both urban and rural environs, and minorities. These infringements should be removed so that there are no barriers for the common citizen of Texas to exercise their fundamental right of self-defense. For these reasons alone, Texans should be allowed to make the decision on whether to protect themselves using modern tools without the infringements of government control.

Dan Douglas

Self

Mount Pleasant, TX

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Patrick Nelson

Self - small biz owner

Meyersville, TX

"The Right To Keep & Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed" from 2nd Amendment in US Constitution isn't only a directive, but it's also become a battle cry for freedom-loving Americans in response to government infringing on 2nd Amendment Rights.

& while many ppl, politicians, & orgs have put much of their time & attention towards protecting "Right To Keep" over time: unfortunately, the same cannot be said about "Right To Bear".

For The Great State of Texas to force law-abiding gun owning Texans to pay extra tax/fees & obtain permit for the ability to exercise their right is unconstitutional. The 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution guarantees our right, The State of Texas should not be able to tax/regulate it.

Just as paying a Poll Tax in order to vote when US Constitution declared voting a Right -was deemed unconstitutional...

Requiring additional tax/permits in order to keep & bear arms when US Constitution declares it a Right -is unconstitutional as well.

In conclusion: I am a proud Texan. Nowhere else I'd rather be. Texas has long been considered a "Free State" where Americans can prosper... -immune from the Leftist-Extremist policies plaguing other states & preventing their citizens from meeting true potential. Many other states already have "Constitutional Carry" allowing law-abiding gun-owning citizens the full rights afforded to them in US Constitution...

If Texas is truly a "Free State" and a beacon of Liberty & Hope to the other 49 states: Than it's time to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. There's a difference between saying Texas is Free State, and actually being a Free State.

It's past time to become a free state.

God bless all of you and your families.

And God Bless My Beloved Great State of Texas.

Larry Davis

Self, retired Law Enforcement

Gilchrist, TX

Greetings Committee,

I write this comment to hopefully urge you to pass HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927 and HB 2900. As you are aware we currently have laws which mandates who may not have a weapon. It is my belief as a Constitutional right to bear arms we, the law abiding citizen's of Texas who have no criminal records should be able to carry a weapon without the process of obtaining a License to Carry.

Normal citizens who have the fortitude to remain free of any criminal charge though their current life time should not be a concern for this committee. They have purposely saved their reputations because it was good and a right thing to do. The citizens who continue to follow the law should be rewarded with the passing of these above mentioned bills. I can tell you for years of experience as a Homicide Investigator in a major county in this state, most shootings were not by legal gun owners, but by people who had ill intent and obtained the weapons illegally. When a law abiding citizen shot or injured a person it was usually at their home. Of course there are exceptions but for the most part law abiding citizens are not looking for gunfights.

I also know you are aware, criminals do not attend LTC classes and obtain their weapons by legal means. By allowing citizens to Constitutional Carry, the news of the passing of the bills should and will be somewhat of a deterrent for any criminal. The fact the great state of Texas has Constitutional carry will be big news and possible cause a delay or deterrent for criminals to approach a person who may or may not be armed.

Those who may oppose this bill will try to make the argument it will be gunfights at the OK Corral. I don't believe this to be true. I think a question the Committee should ask themselves, how many people carry weapons at this time with no criminal record and no LTC? We will never know that number, but rest assured there are those who do. By passing these laws, they will have comfort knowing they have the Constitution behind them and the Conservative Majority who understand the importance of maintaining our Constitutional rights.

Make no mistake about it, the Liberal's in this country are at war with our Constitution and our rights noted by the Constitution, a vote to pass these bills for votes will indicate Texas is a Constitutional state and we stand by the words of our founding fathers. We, the law abiding citizen's implore you to send a message to those who do not want to follow the Constitution, Texas in the fashion of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto will draw a line in the sand and provide Constitutional carry, such as others states have before us.

Please share my thanks to Chairman White for authoring HB 1911, Rep. Cole for HB 2900, Rep. Patterson for Co-Authoring several Constitutional Carry bills, Rep Schaefer for Co Authoring 1927 and of course Rep. Thinderholt for Co-Authoring several Constitutional carry bills.

Respectfully,
Larry Davis

Ryan Kaiser

Myself

Anna, TX

Free men don't beg for permission from their masters to repel violent assault. But Texans are not free; we are slaves to a licensing scheme and the bureaucrats empowered to shake us down for time and money to the benefit of no one and the detriment of everyone. It's time to the right thing. Let us be free. Let us be safe. End the licensing requirement for self defense outside the home.

Josiah Johnston, Mr

Self

Rockwall, TX

Please vote for constitutional carry for the citizens protection of rising crime and uncertain futures...

Alan Neal

Self

El Paso, TX

The 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution reads as follows "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." The Constitution is clear that "bearing arms" cannot be legislated by the government, state or federal. Asking for a permission slip from the state government of Texas and paying over an excess of 100 dollars to practice a constitutionally enumerated right is unconstitutional and unfairly limits the rights of the less privileged Texans that can't afford the fees and licensing and training that is required of them in Texas. Those underprivileged Texans are more likely to encounter crime and threats from criminals who don't follow the law and carry illegally anyways, and forcing them to pay the government is not only morally wrong, but unconstitutional. This was seen in El Paso, of which I am a citizen of. El Paso County has a low median income when compared to the rest of Texas, it's no surprise it also has the lowest rates of LTC holders. From the 3 mass shooting that have occurred in Texas over the past couple of years, two of those were stopped by a private citizen with a firearm (Sutherland Springs and White Settlement) and one wasn't (El Paso). The message is clear and evidence is clear, forcing citizens to pay to practice an enumerated right disproportionately affects the underprivileged of Texas.

William McBurnett

self - self employed

Austin, TX

As a Texas native, and Texas gun owner, I support HB1238 for Constitutional Carry for the citizens of Texas. I believe that in these new, perilous times, as our civil rights are under attack by the Federal Government, it is incumbent on Texas to join the list of states that support free and legal carry of defensive arms for lawful citizens. It is a shame that Texas has not kept up with the current national trend toward Constitutional Carry. Texas was a trail blazer in the 90's in furthering civil rights for its citizens, it is time to update our status. This bill is a good bill because it is very clear about who, when, and where citizens are allowed to carry, and will make Texan's safer. Thank you for listening.

Timothy Melvin

self; retired Army officer and civil servant

Tyler, TX

I am in complete agreement with constitutional carry--the right to keep and bear arms without any infringement upon that right by government.

David Penn

Self/Retired

Pflugerville, TX

The 2nd Amendment guarantees "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms."

No state government permission should be needed to own a firearm. To me, that is infringement.

Right now we have a governor who is friendly to the 2nd Amendment but down the road it's possible that we get a governor who isn't 2A friendly. That governor should NOT have the power to regulate my ownership of my firearms if I'm a law-abiding citizen. Thank you!

Eric Herrera

Self

Robstown, TX

I firmly believe that in the state of Texas, as well as across the Nation it is our right to carry our firearms as we see fit. Whether or not you see them as tools for every day use, or as just our personal property, no soul should have a say in limiting our right to keep and bear arms. It is my/our responsibility to uphold and defend against tyranny and the unjust, not to mention defending our friends and family in our day to day life. Please consider these words as further proof we as Americans want our freedom left alone.

Duane Berry

self

Kempner, TX

With the deterioration of Congressional support for the Constitution and Bill of Rights it is imperative that the State of Texas take steps to safeguard the freedoms of it's citizens. This bill, along with HB 2900, will provide effective 2nd Ammendment protections for Texas. HB 1238 provides common sense protections for all legitimate gun owners.

Kyle Whitley

Self

Early, TX

I unequivocally support this bill. It is high time our conservative majority Republicans enacted laws, that are part of the GOP platform, to strengthen our right to protection. We are so far behind other states on gun rights, it so very frustrating. The data is there to prove Constitutional Carry works. Please move this bill to floor for a vote. Now is the time!

George Howe

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Poole

N/A

Forney, TX

based on my belief that any responsible Texas resident possessing the ability to legally purchase a firearm should under the constitution be allowed to possess and carry a firearm without the necessity of a license or permit.

Timothy Dugger

Self

Coppell, TX

Please support this bill

Thomas Gordon

Self

Temple, TX

HI MY NAME IS THOMAS GORDON
I SUPPORT HB 1238 BY BIEDERMANN
THANK YOU, THOMAS

Taylor Hill

Self

Wake Village, TX

True. This is what the constitution we are founded on says our rights are. The only person any other gun law protects is the criminal, by giving them an unchecked sense of free reign.

Thomas Harrison

Self

Austin, TX

We live in a time when criminals do not follow laws, and said criminals don't fear current our laws. The criminal elements prey on the law abiding citizens, who are do follow our laws.
Constitutional Carry levels the field so that people are better able to defend themselves.

Thomas Barrett

Open Carry Texas, This is Texas Freedom Force

Deer Park, TX

Please support this bill commonly known as constitutional carry.

Elliott Davis

Aviation Courses Limited, LLC

McKinney, TX

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Brian Phillips
Texas Gun Rights
Garland, TX

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Esther Davis, CFO
Aviation Courses Limited, LLC
McKinney, TX

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Charles Reeves, MIGHT, USAF, RET.
Self
Austin, TX

2900

Bobby Hawes
Shalom
Lubbock, TX

we are not granted the right to defend and carry by the constitution but by our God given rights stop trying to be Gods!

Craig Hall
Self
Baytown, TX

For

David Schlink
Self
Pasadena, TX

No comments at this time.

Kelvin Wilson
Self_Engineer
Dallas, TX

Support

Ryan Baugh

Myself

Hurst, TX

I don't want to take a lot of your time but did want to let you know that as a Texan I strongly support constitutional carry. Thank you.

Ryan

Robert Delephimne

Self

Kyle, TX

Please vote yes and allow Texas citizens back their God given right to bear arms.

Lynda Drake

Texas Gun Rights

Brenham, TX

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Sammy Martin, Mr

Self Rancher Texas Real Estate Broker

Mason, TX

Law abiding people should be able to carry firearms in most place for the protection of them and their family Thanks

Heather MacNaughton

self, warehouse

Denton, TX

Our Constitution should be upheld.

Jeff Root

Self

Amarillo, TX

Vote YES

Linda Taylor

Self

Waco, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill for True Constitutional Carry.

Jose deLeon

self

Live Oak, TX

I believe this best follows the 2nd Amendment in every way.

Dennis Klump

Self farmer

Port Lavaca, TX

The LTC process is too expensive and time consuming for most people to go through. Constitutional carry would be helpful. Please consider this for Texas.

Angela Stanton

SELF, delivery driver

Dickinson, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Courtney Johnson

Self

Colorado City, TX

Please vote NO to all bills that will infringe on our 2nd Amendment Rights. All U.S. citizens, with no criminal record, should be able to carry a firearm without having to pay to do so. Allow individual business to decide whether they want to allow firearms inside their premises. Citizens can then choose whom they want to do business with. We need our representatives to stand firm on following the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Have the courage, integrity, strength and endurance to stand for TEXANS. Thank you

JOHN WESTERLAGE

SELF

HOUSTON, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900,

with no compromising amendments or delays!

Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jon Gardner

Self - Technology Consultant

Bryan, TX

These comments pertain to HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, and HB 2900 -- I will spare the committee from having to process multiple copies. Call it a personal paperwork reduction effort.

I believe the Texas State Rifle Association is referring to the issue that is collectively addressed by these bills as "permitless carry" of firearms. I prefer to call it "constitutional carry," as the intent of these bills is to bring Texas law closer to the ideal expression of the ultimate human right of self-defense as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. Even in America, where we are governed by the rule of law rather than men, lawlessness is rampant. In addition to typical violent crime (which we all expect, but perhaps shouldn't have to), the past year has seen a disturbing spike in random large-scale acts of violence, especially in larger urban areas, instigated by various domestic enemies. The citizens of Texas have always been an independent lot, braver than most, rightfully proud of our state, and fully prepared to stand against lawlessness -- philosophically, politically, and physically if necessary. Texas law should fully recognize the foundational human right of self-defense, specifically our reserved right to keep and bear arms, with no infringement -- no state-mandated permits or licensing fees, restrictions, or registrations. This is the way to a safe and secure Texas.

Elizabeth Brister

Self retired teacher

Bonham, TX

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Darrell Kemper

Self

Victoria, TX

Follow the constitution

Corina DeLaCruz

Self

Andrews, TX

Vote for this bill

William Petrosky

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I am writing to register my support of your bill, HR1238, relating to Constitutional Carry in Texas. The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides for the right of law-abiding American citizens to bear arms without infringement. It is the provision that serves to enhance one's personal and family safety, a right that the government cannot confer, but is a right granted by God. That right should not be limited to one's home, but should extend to public places, venues and institutions. I am in full support of your bill and hope that it will pass the legislative process and be signed into Texas law. Thank you for representing me in this regard.

Tom Haskin
Lange Ranch
Calliham, TX

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Ed Wollent
Self
Grapevine, TX

With the ever-increasing volatile behavior of individuals and groups in our state and our nation, I ask that you please pass this bill in order for law-abiding citizens to protect their families, themselves and their properties. This is our God given right.

Maria Dicarlo
self
Audrey, TX

Please allow individuals to protect themselves.

Anthony Tucci
Self
San Marcos, TX

Requiring citizens to obtain a permit (a process that usually takes 3+ months) to exercise a constitutional right is unconstitutional. This process does nothing to make people safer and only makes it harder for those who urgently need a way to defend themselves to do so. Think about a woman who finds out she has a stalker. Is it fair to force her to wait over three months before she can legally carry? Of course not. Allowing someone to carry a tool for self defense is not only a constitutional right, but it's also just the right thing to do. Many other states have taken note of this and passed their own constitutional carry bills. It is a shame Texas seems to be so far behind. It's time to start putting legislation in place that makes it easier for law abiding citizens to defend themselves, and harder for violent criminals to find defenseless victims. Not the other way around. Passing these bills would be a very big step in the right direction. Please make the right decision for all of us law abiding Texas gun owners!

Charles Kerr, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

I am and have been in favor of constitutional concealed carry also sometimes referred to as permitless concealed carry for the last three legislatures. The state of Texas needs to pass this bill.

John Adams III, Mr.

Self - Disability

Kingwood, TX

Anyone with even an OUNCE of intellectual honesty knows that the only Americans hurt by excessive and draconian gun laws, are LAW ABIDING citizens. Being a proud and fiercely independent Texan, you'd think that Texas, the greatest state in the republic, would have been the very FIRST state to enact Constitutional Carry, but it didn't work out that way. Now that we finally have a chance to get this into law, please don't hesitate. It's well beyond time that our great state returned to the stage of leadership, and continues to prove the FACT that armed law abiding citizens make for a safer state.

Billy Dove

Self/Retired

Shepherd, TX

Stop the assault by the federal government to negate the second amendment. Give us constitutional carry. Vote true.

William Harris, R.Ph. (Ret.)

Self Retired

Duncanville, TX

The only license needed to carry a handgun, by a person not prohibited from carrying or owning a handgun, should be the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. I am a 74 year old retired Pharmacist with a 72 year old wife I am responsible for protecting from harm. I am too old to run, too weak to fight and living in a changing neighborhood.

Appropriate means of defense, in this changing socio-economic environment is essential to the older citizen. Please consider passage of permitless carry in the State of Texas.

Thank You,

William P Harris, R.Ph. (ret)

Wade crews

Myself

CROSBY, TX

Should have been done in the past

Patrick Gordzelik

Self, engineer, rancher

Cross Plains, TX

There are many other states that agree that the Second Amendment was specific in its wording.

Texas has always been at the forefront of defending our constitution and the rights of its citizens. To have to ask the federal govt for rights, not privileges, smacks against anything Texan. To deny this bill will surely disenfranchise true Texans who want their leadership to do their job.

John Stenzel

Self / Sales

Sanger, TX

I support HB 1238 and the 2nd Amendment

MARY DUVAL

Self

Pflugerville, TX

I am in favor of constitutional carry. I truly believe the constitution requires that it be allowed.

Joseph Franze

Self, programmer analyst

McKinney, TX

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Vicki King

Self

Gonzales, TX

Texans have the right to carry firearms because our 2nd Amendment Rights. No Government has the right to take this right away from the people.

David Alsobrook

Oilfield

Diana, TX

This is our God given right under the constitution of the United States of America

Stephen Warren

Self

Amarillo, TX

I fully support this Constitutional Carry bill. As it relates to the U.S. Constitution second amendment declaration that the right to bear arms without infringement is recognized. All laws limiting or prohibiting the Second amendment are in reality are illegal and to be ignored by the people.

Robert Moseley

Self

Pearland, TX

I support this bill as an American citizen as well as a proud US Army Veteran.

Georgia Spears

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

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Edward Toohey, Mr

Self

Orange, TX

Please support HB 1238 & HB 2900

Ronald Conway

self

Sour Lake, TX

please submit my support for Constitutional carry in Texas

Marcia Bonilla, Ms.

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

George Dowdey

Self

New Braunfels, TX

Respectfully request you vote for HB 1238, since this activity is allowed by the Constitution of the United States, 2nd Amendment I hope this will not be difficult to do. Thank you

Larry Gregg

Gregg family and neighbors

Pearland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

A serious misconception about "gun laws" is that criminals will somehow magically abide by them if more are passed. The problem with this is, these laws tend to hinder honest law abiding people from protection. Criminals will carry guns because they want to be criminals. We honest law abiding people should not have to ask permission from our 'parents' to protect ourselves and loved ones.

Clifford Meyers

dollar tree

MIDLAND, TX

should be able to carry gun in open or concealed to protect our selves from all the corruption in the world and government should have no authority to tell us what to do especially the Biden administration we what freedom not socialism and communism

Catherine Clemons

Self

Lufkin, TX

I am a law abiding citizen of Texas and believe I am entitled by the constitution to legally carry a firearm. I don't think it is the governments place to dictate to its law abiding citizens that we have to pay to be permitted to carry a weapon to protect themselves and their families. Putting limits on what lawful citizens can do, doesn't stop the criminal element from doing what they want, as they do not care about the law. I ask that you pass this long overdue bill. Thank you

Brian Champeaux

Self. Welder

Nederland, TX

I support the constitutional carry bill and would like for our representatives to support it as well and vote yes.

Janice Fisher, Ms

self/retired

Ft.Worth, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 and 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Gregory Young

self

Quitman, TX

I want have Constitutional Carry

Martin Shaw, Mr.

Self

Bedford, TX

Vote for.

James Mabe

GOA / Self

N Richlnd Hls, TX

It's time to restore the 2A fully in the state of Texas. Those allowed to own firearms should be able to protect themselves, their families, and others where ever they are. I've held a LTC in Texas and in Washington, neither should have been required. I've carried a firearm with me for years. No one knows my firearm is there and if they ever do, it will be because it was required to save myself, or someone else from harm. No license should be required to have this be the case. Further prohibiting places from carrying creates victim zones, where criminals know they are less likely to meet resistance. At the end of the day, criminals don't care about the laws. So these laws have no impact on them. For the rest of us, they create an impediment to being able to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. Other states have led the way here, which is sad. Texas should lead the way at all times. We were a Republic, the Lone Star State. Now, in this current political climate more than ever, we must be a beacon of freedom and a model of Constitutional support. We fought a war of independence to ensure that Texans, both Texian and Tejano would always be free. Let's not forget that. Constitutional carry MUST be passed in Texas. Every Texan will be safer for it because as I mentioned before, criminals already carry guns where they please because they are criminals. They don't care. No law-abiding Texan should have to jump through hoops to be able to protect themselves.

Connie Chrane

self

Blanket, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michael W. Hawpe

Self/retired

Mineral Wells, TX

All legally purchased and owned firearms should be allowed to be carried throughout the state of Texas (indeed the entire country) unabated. This is a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Ron Taylor

Self/Retired

Allen, TX

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Josh Dentry

Self

Santa Fe, TX

As a law abiding citizen. I believe we should have this right under the constitution.

Glenn Branch

Self

Amarillo, TX

My fervent request as a Texan is that you would behave like a true Texan and agree that we should have Constitutional Carry for those of us who are law abiding citizens of this great state and country. Texas should have been the first state to acknowledge by law that we have freedom to protect ourselves without asking for government permission by requiring licensing. Let's at least be the nineteenth!

Bradley Keller

Self

Oak Ridge North, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kevin Schuck

Self

Fort Worth, TX

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Herman Bertram, Mr

self/retired

Alvin, TX

PLEASE PASS CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AND ALSO VOTE FOR TEXAS TO BE A 2ND SANCTUARY STATE. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS. WE THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE VOTED FOR YOU AND OTHER CONSERVATIVES TO HELP PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!!!! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!!!

Steven Dennis, Esq.

self

Frisco, TX

If a citizen of the State of Texas can legally possess a handgun, they can carry it -- open or concealed -- to protect themselves and their loved ones. Government permission should not be improperly required to exercise this fundamental constitutional right.

Thomas Hoemeke

Self

Glen Rose, TX

As a retired law enforcement officer, I support constitutional carry. This helps law abiding citizens protect themselves and others against criminals, who by definition do not follow laws. As a 25 years retired police officer, when Texas first introduced concealed carry, I was not concerned about my safety. It actually made me feel more safe, as now law abiding citizens who support law enforcement can help if I had ever needed it. Some criminals even made comments that pro-2nd amendment laws make their criminal jobs harder. Isn't that what society as a whole should try to accomplish. Please support HB 1238 and HB 2900.

James Pettry

Self

Telephone, TX

Please support this

Jeff Melton

Self Custom farming

Forestburg, TX

Please return our natural rights that should be protected by the 2nd amendment

Roy Fisher

Self Retired

Celina, TX

I support the Constitutional right to carry a firearm.

James Pettry

Self

Telephone, TX

We need this

Al Robinette

Gun Owners of America

Carrollton, TX

I am in favor of constitutional carry by all legal non-criminal citizens. Continuing to pass laws and rules on the honest gun owner is not going to make any difference on the criminal and does not make anyone safer it only makes law makers feel good like they did something and try to leverage that into votes. Criminals do not follow the law which is why they are criminals and when they do not get prosecuted, held accountable, charges are dropped and deals cut on the current laws it is ineffective.

Jessica Smith

Self Nurse

Muenster, TX

Texans need to have their constitutional rights upheld. We all have the right to carry a weapon to protect ourselves and our property. We should not need a license to carry either. Especially with the new open border policy from Joe Biden.

Lance Maresh

Self/Construction

Alpine, TX

I support this bill and would like to see it passed.

Michael Kessler

Self - Forensic Manager

Frisco, TX

I support constitution carry and oppose restrictions upon any citizen's right to defend themselves.

Marco Castellanos

Self, truck driver

Laredo, TX

"Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions."

Jeff Lindly

Myself

Mansfield, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Shawn Fredericks

self

Harker Heights, TX

I support this bill in every way shape and form

Michael Perrin

Self (retired)

Athens, TX

I support passage of this legislation.

Garrett Tucker

Self

Keller, TX

“SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED”

Dennis McKee

Lone Star Coalition

Kemp, TX

Please pass this bill. Anything else is an infringement of our rights. People have a full and complete right to posses, carri and use any firearm to protect themselves from ANY threat. Police only get there in time to investigat the scene. I am a retired Mesquite Police Officer.

manuel rodriguez

self

Fort Worth, TX

the 2nd amendment because its not a suggestion it was a directive

Christopher Carrigan

Self - Pilot

San Antonio, TX

I believe strongly in Constitutional Carry. This is an important issue to me and is a huge determining factor in how I vote. Thank you.

Brian Miller

Self Tech service engineer

Prosper, TX

I fully support this bill. Constitutional carry would be a great thing for the people of Texas!

Glynda Cone

Self

Brownwood, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. Texas should stand true to the constitution and the rights of its citizens.

Wesley Hanna

Self

Fort Worth, TX

I would like to see constitutional (permit less) carry passed this session. Over 20 states have done so ahead of Texas. We are supposed to be a “gun friendly” state, yet we lag so far behind other states with current restrictions. People should not need permission from the government to protect themselves outside their homes and vehicles. The time is now for reform. No more licensure hurdles to practice a basic God-given right to self defense. While it is nothing for someone with means and time to acquire a carry permit, it could be out of reach for those struggling financially. Then you have the situations where someone is suddenly in fear for their lives and doesn’t have the luxury of waiting on a background check from DPS. Please give this legislation serious consideration. It cannot be swept under the rug once again.

Melissa Spence

Myself

Allen, TX

Hello,

I am in support of legislation as outlines above to support Constitutional Carry in Texas. We should not have to be licensed to carry when we have the 2nd amendment. As it stands now, to purchase a firearm you have to pass a background check. We also know that most criminals don't buy guns legally anyway. I feel it is critical to strengthen our 2nd amendment rights in Texas. Please support HB 1238, HB 1911, HB1927, HB2900. We want these to go to the floor for a vote. Regards, Melissa

John English

Self

Greenville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun

Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kimberly Helsel

SELF

Floresville, TX

As it is very clear that the "Biden" administration has no concerns for the safety of Texas and U.S. citizens as they have allowed illegals to spill in unchecked, including, child traffickers, drug, traffickers, weapons traffickers, gang members, cartel members and as recently discovered, wanted terrorists, the people of Texas should have the right to continue to protect themselves, their family and their property!

Kimberly Helsel

Legal citizen and legal registered voter.

Angi Huff, Mrs

Self

Arlington, TX

I support this bill. Texas is late in returning to its citizens our 2nd Amendment rights under our constitution that should have never been infringed upon with state regulations. Texas should be joining the many other states that already have returned to the Constitutional carry law.

Timothy Bailey

Self

Deer Park, TX

Please Vote for Constitutional Carry

John Kizlyk

Self, Network Security Engineer

McKinney, TX

I would like to register my support for this bill.

William Tanner II, FCA1(SW)

Self

El Paso, TX

I fully support this bill.

Stephen Tanner

Self - Self Employed - Aircraft Sales

Bastrop, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Edward Collins

self

Grand Prairie, TX

I support this bill.

Drew Edwards

Self Contractor Pipefitter

Santa fe, TX

I support HB 1238. Constitutional Carry is a right granted in the bill of rights under the second amendment. Specifically, in the quote, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Brian Foreman

Self

Breckenridge, TX

I support Constitutional Carry!

Kathryn Maslonka

Self

Pearland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

David Holland

Self

Granbury, TX

Americans have the God-given, natural, and unalienable right of self-defense. The Second Amendment to the US Constitution simply prevents the government from infringing on that right. There is no reason for free and law-abiding adults to be required to go before their government (whether state or Federal) to ask permission to exercise our right. We do not need a permit to speak freely, we don't need a permit to exercise our religious rights, and, therefore, we should not need a permit to carry a handgun. In addition, we have the example of at least 18 states that currently allow constitutional carry, NO PERMIT REQUIRED! We would not be the first state to try it and see how it works. I strongly urge my state Representative (Glenn Rogers – Texas House District 60) and my state Senator (Brian Birdwell – Texas Senate District 22) to vote in support of any legislation that furthers “permitless carry” or “constitutional carry” throughout the state of Texas.

Ronald Love

Self

El Paso, TX

I am in support of Constitutional Carry. I believe all laws restricting or limiting 2nd amendment rights are illegal.

William Thomann

self/retired

Spring Branch, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jerry Buller

self. Retired

Buchanan Dam, TX

Please pass this asap. It is sad that we Texans are forced to beg and pay the government just to exercise an inherent right guaranteed by our national constitution. It is especially embarrassing that some Yankee states are ahead of Texas in regards to our Second Amendment right.

Benedict LaRosa

self, historian

San Antonio, TX

Testimony in Support of Constitutional Carry

The title, Constitutional Carry, itself indicates that the state government has illegally restricted the right to keep and bear arms of law-abiding individuals. The right to keep and bear arms is a natural right, not one granted by the legal fiction known as government. (How can a fictitious entity grant anything to a natural person?) Thus, no one needs permission to exercise this or any other right, or to be punished for doing so. The only legitimate reason to restrict a right is when it is misused, and then only after due process of law.

"To prohibit a citizen from wearing or carrying a war arm . . . is an unwarranted restriction upon the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. If cowardly and dishonorable men sometimes shoot unarmed men with army pistols or guns, the evil must be prevented by the penitentiary and gallows, and not by a general deprivation of constitutional privilege." - Wilson vs. State, Arkansas Supreme Court (1878)

By the way, the word "bear" in the Second Amendment means "to carry or to wear." By incorporating that word in the Second Amendment, the Framers meant to cover the full extent of the right.

The Second Amendment merely guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, and forbids government interference in the exercise of that right. As with other rights, especially those listed in the Bill of Rights, it is not subject to anyone's vote.

"The very purpose of a Bill of Rights is to withdraw certain subjects from the vicissitudes of political controversy, to place them beyond the reach of majorities and officials and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts. One's right to life, liberty, and property, to free speech, a free press, freedom of worship and assembly, and other fundamental rights may not be

submitted to vote; they depend on the outcome of no elections.” - Justice Robert H. Jackson, West Virginia State Bd. of Ed. v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624, 638 (1943).

Therefore, I encourage you to remove all barriers to the unrestricted right to keep and bear arms throughout the state as quickly as possible so as to be conformance with both the state and federal constitutions.

Benedict D. LaRosa
5606 Peacock Ridge
San Antonio, TX 78228
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State Rep. District 116
State Senate District 26

Britton Balusek, Mr

Self

Brazoria, TX

Not ever one that carries a weapon is a bad person its a right that was granted to us. I should be able to carry a weapon as I feel. I have never committed a crime. Yet myself and many other Americans are constantly punished for things that we don't have anything to do with. Every felon that has a gun DID NOT buy it from a store or arms dealer they purchase from others that should not have guns either. I look at like this if one person has a DUI or a DWI should ever one loss there right to drive? Should every one with a car be held accountable for one actions?

Gary Payne

self/retired

WINDCREST, TX

“Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.”

Gary Whitton

Self - retired

Scurry, TX

In regards to HB 1238 & HB 2900, it is my God given constitutional right to possess and carry any firearm of my choosing for my own/family protection from all deadly harm. Please take this in consideration as if you and/or your family's life were in danger and you were the only one in the moment that could provide protection and/or prevent your/their life from being taken. Thank you very much, Gary W. Whitton

Douglas Morton

self retired

Abilene, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun

Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Thomas Brown

Self, Staffing Contract Manager

Galveston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Allen Manning, Mr.

Self

Amarillo, TX

Open carry for all

BEVERLY SHANK

SELF / RETIRED

Georgetown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Gary Burton

Self

Converse, TX

Vote yes for hb1238 and hb2900

Keith Carter, Mr.

Self/Tech staff

Austin, TX

I hope that you will send this for a vote and pass. I support and know many Texans that do. We need this now more than ever. Thank you.

James Newton

self

Fort Worth, TX

I fully support HB1238. Every law abiding citizen should have the right to carry a concealed firearm if they should so choose.

William Sollenberger

n/a

Cleburne, TX

2nd Amendment recognizes the Government's inability to lawfully infringe a citizen's God given right to keep AND BEAR arms for self defense.

Mary Rushin, Mrs

Self retired

Ft Worth, TX

Please vote for True Constitutional Carry House Bills 1238 and 2900 with no compromising amendments or delays. Please stand up for our second amendment rights. I will be kept informed of your actions
Respectfully M. Rushin

Gary Anderson

Self

Mabank, TX

Law abiding citizens shouldn't be required to get permission, to practice their God given right to defend themselves and the ones they love. Violent criminals don't obey laws prohibiting carrying firearms. Law abiding citizens shouldn't be put at a disadvantage, simply because the endeavor to follow the law.

Deborah Rashell

Self. Retired teacher

Dayton, TX

HB 1238. HB 2900 please vote for the two true constitutional carry house bill's with no amendments. I am a survivor of a home intruder. A gun saved my life that night.

Marsan Stratton-Wallish, Citizen of US

Self

Gonzales, TX

I am for citizens to have the right to carry arms. The criminals will always carry even illegally. We need to have the right to continue to defend our self's when necessary. Once we are not allowed to carry criminals and the government can do whatever they want.

David Nichols

Self/ truck driver

Temple, TX

Open or conceal carry without a permit

Michael Belz
Self, Refinery operator
Cleveland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Woody W Woodward, Texas Citizen
Private citizen - Retired Texas Peace Officer after approximately 50 years
San Antonio, TX

House Bill Numbers: Biedermann 1238 - White 1911 - Schaefer 1927 - Hefner 2900: All these bills appear to be intended to require the State of Texas to conform to the united States' Constitution's Amendment II and Amendment XIV. The very idea of requiring a citizen of Texas and/or the united States to jump through hoops and pay for the "privilege" of exercising a right that predates both the united States as well as the Republic/State of Texas stands as an anathema to our constitutions as well as an affront to our liberties. Both the federal and state governments may as well require Texas citizens to pay a fee to attend church, state our opinions, associate with our friends and neighbours, and vote. Every government regulation - - at any level - - that restricts the exercise of our rights is unconstitutional and should be repealed. "Shall not be infringed" - - every one of us understands exactly what that phrase, and the period (.) that follows, means. Anyone who swears the oath to the Constitution and then decides to protect and defend only those portions with which he agrees is a liar and does not deserve to represent We The People.

Respectfully submitted,
Woody W Woodward [W3]
San Antonio, Texas 78232

Adam Huggins
Self
New Boaton, TX

The constitution says I have the right to bear arms. Enough said. A reasonable person interested in doing so will bear arms to a reasonable extent. Legal gun owners are law abiding citizens who practice responsibility. Responsible gun owners are not the ones laws should be made for.

BRIAN CULLI
pepper services
HOUSTON, TX

it is time

Gregory McCracken
Self
Livingston, TX

I fully support HB1238, ensuring my Constitutional Right are protected by law.

Eric Hess

Self, Asset Protection Manager.

Dallas, TX

I fully support this bill as a law abiding citizen of the great state of Texas.

Henry Craig

Myself

EL PASO, TX

The carrying of a firearm is a constitutional right and I proudly support it. However one should be able to demonstrate proficiency at the discretion of the court when needed. Passing a back ground in order to purchase one is all that is required but a CCL should be required until such time that federal grants the same privilege or provides a CCL reciprocal license for the entire United States.

Rj Hynes, Mr

Self

Arlington, TX

I support constitutional carry. This should not even be an issue.

Michael King, Mr.

Self - Retired

McKinney, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Greg Prichard

Self/Retired

Joshua, TX

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Keri Salinas

Self and immediate family

Fredericksburg, TX

The Constitution and the afforded Bill of Rights, is the supreme law of the land and no laws thereafter shall infringe on those rights.

Let's honor constitutional carry, as we should.

Mack Gasque

Self

Pasadena, TX

We are granted the right by the United States Constitution to freely own without permission/permit, to openly carry any firearm; with NO restrictions. Follow the Constitution and protect our rights to own, openly carry. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!!

Aaron Tessaro

Self / Small Business Owner (mechanic shop)

New Braunfels, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. Uphold your oaths of office and uphold our Second Amendment as written.

Dorian Torres

Citizens

Portland, TX

The bills hb1238, 1911, 1927, 2900. Texans need constitutional carry now. Texas should have jumped on this a long time ago. Texas is known for its guns, beautiful women and everything that's bigger and better right? Texas is turning blue in the major cities...but what about the rest of us God loving, gun loving, country loving 2A supporters huh? We got a come and take it cannon in the back of the Texas driver license for crying out loud. Pass this bill texas.....come on!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jeremy Hersom

Self, Facility Manager

Anna, TX

In the late 80's and early 90's the trend of passing legislation allowing citizens to carry a concealed handgun was well on its way. By 1995 when texas passed legislation to allow concealed handgun licenses, 13 states had already passed legislation. Much to the dismay of the anti-gun lobby who said on more than one occasion "there will be blood in the streets" if we allow the common citizen, untrained and unqualified to carry a firearm. The critics told the world that we would witness before our very eyes the streets turning into an old west movie such as Tombstone, road rage would cost millions of lives. We again heard this hollow rhetoric when Texas changed the law to allow handgun permit holders to carry their firearm openly.

I am here to say that has never happened! Not even close. The law abiding gun owners who carry daily for their own protection have exercised incredible judgment and common sense. The conviction rate among handgun licensees is low, its staggering! Out of 26,304 convictions in Texas last year, only 114 of those were license holders. A .4334% rate. This makes handgun license holders some of the most law abiding, and trustworthy citizens in the state! And this statistic does not just apply to Texans, but nationwide, gun owners are among the most trusted and law abiding citizens.

More guns do not equal more crime! In fact the opposite is true, more law abiding gun owners equal less crime. A gun is 80 times more likely to be used in a legal, lawful way to protect life and property than it is to be used for a crime, suicide or accident. America has more firearms per capita than any other nation in the world! If guns equaled crime we would also have a higher crime rate, but we do not. Free men and women should not have to ask for permission to own a gun, they also should not have to ask for permission to carry a gun. Texas currently allows a citizen, who is not barred from owning a handgun, the right to carry in their car without a permit. This has also not spurred a crime wave. In fact the highest crime areas are gun free zones. The

politicians and citizens that support and tout gun free zones must be delusional! Criminals do not care about laws, they only care about not getting caught. A 30.06/30.07 sign, or gun free zone means nothing to a criminal except now they know they have easy prey. So while a criminal takes advantage of the situation (think of the school shootings, the Denver movie theatre, the Luby's in Killeen Tx) honest law abiding citizens who could have protected themselves and others are killed. Why? Because they have a moral compass and understand that being a good citizen means obeying the laws, even when they disagree. Over 90% of mass shootings since 1950 have occurred in gun free zones, they weren't gun free were they?
Texas has the opportunity to join 18 other freedom loving states and pass constitutional carry.

Andrew Austin, Mr.

Self

Livingston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Mark Combs

Self

Frisco, TX

House

Colleen Fulkerson

'self' 'retired'

Brazoria, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Allen Dunn

Self / Inventory Control Manager

Tyler, TX

This is good for Texas and Texan. People say the great state of Texas for a reason, it is strong and majestic, a symbol of freedom, independence and respect for one another. It's time that Texas lead all the other states by following the constitution. All gun laws are unconstitutional! Please pass constitutional carry and make the Great State of Texas 2A sanctuary state.

Respectfully,
Allen Dunn

jim monk, mr

Monk Farms

Warren, TX

Please fight keep our right to carry legal and safe!

Sherry Jessup

Self (retired)

Harlingen, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

I'm a USAF veteran of 8 years & strongly advocate for all my Constitutional rights including my 2d Amendment rights.

Terry Blumenthal

Self. Housecleaning

Granite Shoals, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Daniel Koonce

Self

Midland, TX

I support constitutional carry, I believe that state nor Washington DC has the right to restrict people from carrying across the entire USA. This is what the founding fathers wanted to be free from oppression.

Mark Combs

Self

Frisco, TX

amendments

James Spencer, SGM

Retired

Schertz, TX

An absolute guarantee and a Constitutional right.

Herman Bertram

Self/retired

Alvin, TX

PLEASE VOTE FOR TRUE CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY, HB1238 AND HB2900 , WITH NO COMPROMISING AMENDMENTS OR DELAYS! TEXAS GUN RIGHTS WILL KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR ACTIONS!!!

Rich Timm
Self
Livingston, TX

With many other states having already passed Constitutional carry Texas should be leading the charge on the exercising of Constitutional rights, n9t having to beg for them from the State

Rolando Estrada
Self
Austin, TX

I want to express my support for HB 1238 aka Constitutional Carry. I believe anyone who is legally allowed to purchase a handgun should be able to carry it without any sort of fee or license. The Constitution is very clear on its intent. Let us join other states in this great nation and pass this bill for all Texans.

James Beal
Citizen of Texas
Little Elm, TX

Support

John Beal
Self
Frisco, TX

I fully support this bill and urge that it be passed.

Greg SMITH, SGT
Self law enforcement
WEATHERFORD, TX

The right of the citizen to provide for their personal protection protection of there property and others should not be incumbent upon the ability to spend hundreds of dollars on liscense it is a right granted by God all ccwp do is tax a God given right

Harry Josten
self
Grapevine, TX

A CHL should not be required for a person legally allowed to own a firearm to legally carry it. The right to keep and bear arms is a natural right recognized by the US Constitution's 2nd amendment. It is a right, not a privilege. No other right requires a license or permission.

Jared Barger, Mr.
Self/Disposable waste technician
Austin, TX

“...shall not be infringed.” The Second Amendment, the ONLY common sense gun law.

Donald Fluhr
Self
Castroville, TX

I fully support HR 1238. Texas has lagged behind other states in regard to our 2nd Amendment rights.

Edwin Lomax
Self / Retired
Pasadena, TX

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Brian Will
Self, retired
Plano, TX

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Michael Suenram
self, retired
Harper, TX

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Michael Suenram
self, retired
Harper, TX

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Clifford Lester, Mr.
Individual

Spring, TX

I see the unlicensed carry of an individual not otherwise prohibited to be a constitutional right of a US citizen and would respectfully request that all legislatures recognize this and approve such a law. It is a fact that where this has occurred violent firearm crimes has decreased.

Kay Allen

Self, retired

BRYSON, TX

I support 2nd amendment, stop taking away and modifying our rights

Gary Dunn, Reverand

Pecos County Country Church

Fort Stockton, TX

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Daniel Radlet

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Wesley Wooley

Self

Holland, TX

I am in 100% support of Constitutional carry, not only in Texas, but nation wide. I do not support any laws on gun control as they only punish the LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.

Nathan Radlet

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Richard Bice, Mr

Self. Retired

Sherman, TX

Pleas consider passing this bill.

Sondra Ellyson

Self-homemaker

La Vernia, TX

I urge you to support HB 1238 and HB 2900. 18 states already have Constitutional Carry laws. We should be able to protect ourselves.

JOHN ZERBY

Self, Retired Engineer, retired teacher

HOUSTON, TX

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Richard Seay, Retiree

Self

Yantis, TX

Constitutional carry by legal Texas citizens should be a given right especially in these dangerous crazy times that we live in. Not everyone can afford to the money and time required to get a license. Not saying people who carry should practice with their weapon on a regular basis because they definitely should.

Steve Sheffield

self-disabled

Austin, TX

I fully support Constitution Carry. There is ample evidence that states who allow citizens to defend themselves face lower policing costs and overall crime

Patsy Barger

Self

Irving, TX

I am an American citizen, & it is my God given right to defend myself from my enemy's according to The Constitution of America & to carry a gun. The present administration is flooding our Southern Borders with elligals including criminals,drug dealers, murders, rapist, & who knows what else, so we as Americans must defend ourselves.

Bob Southmayd

self retired

New Braunfels, TX

Pass it.

Paul Curry

Self, retired

San Antonio, TX

Please pass this bill.

Stephen Booghier

Self

Crowley, TX

I support

Timothy Lewis

Self

Luling, TX

The United States Constitution affirms the right to keep and bear arms in the second amendment, part of The Bill of Rights added to insure The Constitution was ratified, and thus became the supreme law of the U.S. Currently, 18 states recognize this right as written. Unfortunately, Texas is not one of those states. The State of Texas does make money through the licensing of its citizens to carry firearms, and thus is charging its citizens for a right guaranteed in the U.S., Constitution. Imagine if a licensing fee was required to vote? You, as lawmakers, have the opportunity to correct the law to bring it into alignment with The Constitution. I urge you to take this opportunity. Thank you for your time.

James Howard

Self. Retired

DE KALB, TX

The right to carry to protect myself is all I ask for. Km

Jim Bivins

Self

Austin, TX

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It's our right, let's make this happen!

Ernest Musick

Self

Diboll, TX

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Edward Green

Self

N. Richland Hills, TX

Acknowledgement of citizens' Second Amendment rights by the government of Texas is long overdue. Do all you can to rally support from your colleagues, particularly in light of how many other States have passed such legislation. Thank you.

Timothy Krivda

Self Retired

Conroe, TX

Plainly put the Constitution of the United States in which Texas agreed to when they joined gave every American the right to bare arms and to aid as a militia for the use by our State government. With the times as they are, protecting our loved ones and aiding our neighbors is a must. So carrying openly tends to deter those wanting to do harm to family, neighbors and even ourselves, which brings peace of mind to them and to me.

James Resendez

Myself

Austin, TX

All permits and laws preventing or requiring a license to carry are unconstitutional. The right to carry a firearm for self defense is a right protected by the constitution. Texas needs constitutional carry.

Sylvia Grein

Self

BEAUMONT, TX

Thank you so very much, I am a responsible adult and I believe this is very important. SEG

WILLIAM BARNES

self, retired

KOPPERL, TX

Constitutional carry is a right for an American citizen.

Gloria Stanford, Mrs

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

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Robert Mende, Mr

Self/ retired

Hereford, TX

Pass this bill.

Ann Garza

Self

Humble, TX

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Rebecca Shelton

Self

Whitesboro, TX

Support

Joseph Klein

Self retired

Castle Hills, TX

2900

Stephen Rogers

Self

Houston, TX

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Rudell Bratcher

Self / Retired

Amarillo, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! . With all the restrictions and the "defunding of police" movements and the suppression of police in being able to provide adequate protection, it is more important than ever for law-abiding citizens to have both the right and ability to protect themselves and their families from harm by the criminal elements that are spreading far and wide from both within our borders and from other states and countries. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Gregory Grover

Self

Crockett, TX

The constitution is clear, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

David Sims

TXGR

Huntsville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Marcia Mason

myself

Reklaw, TX

Years ago I was driving home late in the evening in my station wagon, when I witnessed a hit and run accident by a large Cadillac. It total'd a small car with 4 women inside. Enough witnesses were there to provide assistance, but since I was directly in back of the Cadillac and had the tag number, I pursued the vehicle in my little car. I had just been to handgun practice at a local indoor range, and when I slammed the brakes, the pistol slid all the way forward and landed on my console. The Cadillac was slowed by traffic in it's way, and I was able to keep up with it. The driver finally realized I was in pursuit, and stopped to get out and approach me. I pulled out the pistol, and told him to get on the ground with his hands over his head. Others called the police, and I held him at gunpoint. I did not have a concealed carry permit. The police commended me on quick thinking, the man who was drunk was convicted, and the ladies got me a box of chocolates. I never told anyone the gun was empty. My point is, even though I never fired a shot, I was able to bring a criminal to justice by carrying a gun; even though it was only an empty .22 cal. target gun. I was, at the time, a single 20 yr. old schoolgirl.

Alan Ballauer

Self

Amarillo, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Bonnie Williams

Self / Allied health

Boerne, TX

I support wholeheartedly the right for Texans to constitutionally carry a firearm with or without a concealed carry permit. The second amendment is a right afforded to us as citizens by virtue of the second amendment so established by the founding fathers.

I should also hope our Texas legislature shall consider Kyle Biederman's HB 1359 Texas Referendum Act to be placed on the fall ballot. It is clear to any reasoning person, the federal government who currently has our nations' capital surrounded with razor wire is establishing a totalitarian grip upon its citizens. It does not abide by our constitution nor defends its sovereign borders. In my view constitutional carry and a consideration of a Texas referendum for independence are two sides of the same coin.

LESLIE ROBERTSON

SELF

Pasadena, TX

I fully support the passage of this bill.

Jerry Callaghan

Self

Smithville, TX

This Bill would be a welcome change from all the regulations gun owners must follow. When the firearm is purchased, a background check is performed. If you can legally purchase and own the firearm, you should be able to carry it.

John Putnam

NRA / TSRA / SELF

Santa Fe, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Richard Greer

Self

Humble, TX

In the current sociopolitical climate I believe the ability to protect myself and my family is becoming more important every day. As the Founding Fathers knew, this responsibility falls to each individual. They provided restrictions on our government's power to prevent citizens from being able to protect themselves by including Second Amendment in the Constutution. Unfortunately over the years this natural right has been curtailed by the interference of government. I believe it is time to relieve the unconstitutional burdens and impediments to exercising this natural right.

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 and 2900 with no compromising amendments or delays!

Remember the Alamo!
God bless Texas and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Richard N. Greer

Joe perez
None
New Braunfels, TX

Pass

Randall Baker
Self
Tool, TX

Texas Voters WANT this to pass

Lance Bell
Self
Robinson, TX

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Ramona Smith
Self
Llano, TX

The Constitution should not be changed. It is our right to have guns.

Jason Corulla-Leyman
Self
Bastrop, TX

I strongly support HR 1238. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. It's clearly written in our nations founding documents that citizens not only have the right to keep (own) firearms but also the right to bear (carry) firearms. Requiring a permit to carry firearms is the same as restricting and infringing that right. Texans have long owned firearms and traveled and transported firearms in a civilized fashion before CHL/LTC laws, the current penalty for having a pistol holstered on your ranch legally, then leaving to get fuel while unintentionally carrying your pistol into a gas station can carry 10 years prison sentencing without an LTC. If that citizen who is not prohibited from carrying a firearm on his ranch can legally own should also be granted his right without restriction to do so anywhere in the great state of Texas. 18 other states now allow their citizens to exercise this right in their home state, Texas needs to lead the way in freedom with personal responsibility. I support HR 1238.

Stephen Cline

Self

Arlington, TX

My constitutional rights shouldn't be dependent on my paying the State to exercise it. Shall not be infringed means you the State do not have the authority to restrict my second amendment right.

Ben Stoneberg

Self

Tyler, TX

Nearly every state surrounding us has voted for their state citizens to have the right of constitutional carry. They have determined it is their God given and inalienable right provided through the 2nd amendment within the Constitution.

As the other States have determined ahead of us(embarrassment by the way, how we could not be the one leading the way on this and have allowed what 18 other states). It is within our right as Texans to legally carry arms for our personal and for community protection(stats prove crime rates tank with constitutional as well as concealed carry states) and there in fact should be no laws restricting or requiring anything other then what is granted in our 2nd amendment. Please do your job as you were placed into representation our support for you and ultimately our votes and as you know you are to represent the voices of your constituents ultimately grant you access to the office you hold and the seat you fill.

Our voice collectively carry's a heavy request of voting to bring back constitutional carry. We are being threatened by many foreign and domestic adversaries especially as our border crisis rages on and we have no way of knowing who's coming into our beloved state and country as well a rapidly growing federal government with apparent cruel intentions and deceptive practices proving daily to offer no assistance to the border crisis as well as cruel intentions to silent and suppress our conservative voices, many in the Democratic Party even threaten to send us to rehabilitation camps. They call us misogynists and racists and xenophobes and paint targets on our backs to receive scrutiny and put us in harms way as we receive threats daily from the lefts radical following.

We should be provided our right to Constitutionally carry our weapons to protect ourselves and our loved ones. The constant threat of the Democratic Party and their liberal and radical agendas threaten to defund police leaving us citizens potentially without well funded and trained law enforcement causing us to be even more reliant on ourselves to defend ourselves and our loved ones as well as other helpless citizens in our communities.

At the end of the day, It is simple, our Framers afforded us this liberty and this right. We as a State agreed to enter into the Constitutional Republic and therefore adopted the Constitution of the United States as our ultimate law. Our State politicians have no merit to deny what our Framers intended and it is your responsibility to assure your constituents as one of your most sacred duties of office that you will uphold the Constitution and the framers intent in their authorship of such a beautiful and masterfully assembled doctrine of legal process. It's undeniable and again inalienable.

Constitutional Carry, simply put, is the way. There's no denying that. It's right there in the 2nd amendment. Please honor it and represent us with fierce tenacity.

Jay Lewchanin

Harris County Republican Precinct Chair Precinct 748

Webster, TX

Constitution Carry- The Second Amendment to give the Citizens the God given the right to bear arms without government's infringement. Our Bill of Rights was to give the rights to the people. Under the our Constitutional Right we shall not need the government's permission to bear arms, all arms and associated items including ammunition. The government (State) shall not restrict citizens rights to bear arms which i protected under our Second Amendment. The main reason the second Amendment was established was for citizens defends against all enemies foreign and domestic including tyrant government. Only tyrants restrict citizens access to firearm. Citizens shall not have to pay a levy or need license to carry a firearm, which is a right granted by the Second Amendment. I have heard every argument but our Constitution and Bill of Rights supercedes opinions, emotions , or any infringement on our Constitutional rights.

Donald Alexander

Self--Retired

granbury, TX

Put citizens rights on paper again. Right to keep and bare arms.

David Welling

Self

AUSTIN, TX

As you are likely aware, the right to keep and bear arms is a God-given right and the United States Second Amendment merely enshrines that pre-existing and natural right. Removing the permitting process will allow those of modest means to exercise their rights without having to pay a fee to do so - it is the equivalent of a poll tax. The right to keep and bear arms (not just pistols) is an enumerated right. It stands to reason that gun permits - the last vestiges of the so-called "Jim Crow" laws - is removed in Texas. Permits for reciprocity should also be issued, like state ID cards for voting, at no cost for all. It is a right, not a poriveledge. Additionally, those that wish to do so, should be allowed to add a CHL endorsement to their drivers licenses for carrying while out of state at no additional cost.

I thank you for be courageous enough to fight those that only believe that "rights" are only for the powerful, connected and wealthy. May God bless you - and May also God Bless Texas!

Benard Campomanes

Self / Business Owner

Plano, TX

I support the House Bill which aligns our Texas Laws so
They comport with the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

c smith

self

Amarillo, TX

support

Larry Farris

Self

McKinney, TX

Currently seventeen states allow unrestricted "Constitutional Carry"; two other states have recently passed and are pending implementation of unrestricted "Constitutional Carry; and at least half a dozen more states (including Texas) have such proposed laws in front of their state legislatures. TEXAS should take the lead and be demonstrating to other states, the way forward to allow permit-less carry and return to the true intent and meaning the founding fathers had when creating the Second Amendment to our Constitution. It's called the Bill Of RIGHTS; not the Bill Of Government Permissions & Licenses. I would encourage our TEXAS legislature to take up this House Bill and get it to the floor for a vote! And the same with the Senate bill version. Let's get this done!

Alan Lovejoy

Self retired

Center, TX

I full support HB1238 and HB2900 without any restrictions or amendments.

Kristin Schelin

Myself, a freedom loving patriot.

Fort Worth, TX

Why is Texas so behind other states with regard to Constitutional Carry? Pass this now. It's embarrassing that we aren't leading the charge to support and encourage constitutional freedoms and the right to bear arms.

Paul Morris

Self

Johnson City, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jack Courtney, Mr

Self

Granb, TX

I want to see this pass

GLORIA LEWIS
SELF
LEAGUE CITY, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Mary Margaret Jorgensen
self/retired
Aledo, TX

Please vote for TRUE constitutional carry House bills 1238 and 2900 with NO compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Stephen Cates
Self/Truck Driver
Corsicana, TX

An individual with no criminal history or background should be able to carry a handgun at all times!

Barbara Brisco
Self; retired accountant
San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

John Hudson
Self
Arlington, TX

I fully support HB 1238. Constitutional Carry is already allowed in many states, and it is very clear that it works in those states. Also, I believe this bill is fully in the spirit of the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution. Thank You.

Patricia Sherwood
self
Winnsboro, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of you

Anthony Haase Haase

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

I whole heartily believe it is our constitutional right to be able to defend our selves from any dangers at all times without having to ask permission from the government, as the term shall not be infringed implies. That is a right our nation was founded on and that right to carry without permit is constitutionally protected, that fact has been recognized by 23 other states already and is continuing to grow. They government must recognized that our second is there to protect us from danger at all times no matter the circumstances and that right cannot he taken from us. The people of America are the militia the 2A speaks of not the national guard (a conscript army you must sign a contract with) and we have the right to these arms and it's tomes for Texas to step up and defend these constitutional rights

Karen Nicholson

self/student

Dallas, TX

My name is Karen, and I'm a proponent of HB 1238 and HB 2900. As a citizen of the United States we are protected under the Second Amendment which expressly states that our right to bear arms Shall Not Be Infringed. The idea that we must ask for permission on top of paying a fee for a license is an unconstitutional barrier that infringes on our right to defend ourselves. My right to self defense should not end outside of my home or vehicle. We all deserve to feel safe no matter where we go. As a small female, a handgun is the best equalizer I have if a threat should emerge, and with the increasing crime in Dallas, this is more crucial than ever. Eighteen states have already voted to uphold and implement constitutional carry, and it's appalling that Texas has not yet joined that list. These barriers only prevent the most vulnerable among the population from the basic freedoms of ensuring our personal safety. Please, support HB 1238 and HB 2900 for those who cannot defend ourselves physically.

Edwin Jones

Self - trucker

Schertz, TX

Ours rights are clear. Stop trying to infringe.

Lauri Cummins

Self, sales

Richmond, TX

Follow the Constitution!

Pierce Gawne

self

Sanger, TX

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Please honor our God given rights, protected by the Constitution of the United States.

Tina Ballinger

self

Bacliff, TX

Please support this bill. It is our Constitutional right!

Deborah McDonald

Self, RN

Kyle, TX

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William Toepfer

Myself.

Portland, TX

Vote for open carry.

Robert Shrewsbury, Jr.

myself

Garland, TX

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Rolando Acosta

Self. Retired military

Yes, TX

Yes

Terry Corbell

self/retail

Midland, TX

no compromising amendments or delays

Chris Uberig

self, retired

Wichita Falls, TX

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Michael Edwards

Self

Gilmer, TX

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John Chanslor

Self/Retired

Dallas, TX

Gentlemen, it's way past time for Constitutional Carry to be made law, here in Texas. As the saying goes.. "when seconds count, the police are only minutes away". And, here in East Dallas, that too often becomes hours. We citizens, need to be able to protect ourselves!

Joshua dunn

Self

Joshua, TX

Pass constitutional carry

William Price

Citizen of Texas

Fort Worth, TX

Please support this bill as licensing is essentially the government selling our constitutional rights back to the citizens of Texas

Samuel Jaurigui

Self

Cypress, TX

There's absolutely no reason responsible Texans should have to ask permission to protect themselves and their families...especially when it's an unalienable, God Givin right!

Sierra Jaurigui

Self

Cypress, TX

Every responsible Texan should be able to protect themselves

Fr. John Himes

Christ Church

Marshall, TX

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is very clear in every citizen's right to carry and possess a firearm. That right has been infringed over the years by adding regulation and laws that interfere with the free exercise of that right. It is time for those actions to stop. I urge you to pass this bill.

Richard Todd

Self Transportation

Quinlan, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

J Armstrong, Mr

Texas

Little Elm, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Bring Texas back and help us lead the way with liberty again.

Eddie Oberreither

self student

Boerne, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Becket Tanner, Mr.

Self

Wakkis, TX

The 2nd Amendment says it all, Criminals DO NOT obey laws, NO Gun law is going to stop a Criminal, we have the RIGHT to Carry to protect ourselves.

Andrew Franklin

Self. Senior Nuclear Training Instructor.

Bay City, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional carry for the great state of Texas without compromising amendments or delays for House Bills 1238 and 2900.

Thank you.

john cope

Unks Lake

Perrin, TX

Keep and bear arms' what too simple for you just what part do you not understand?

Ronnie Pare

None

Dayton, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michael Nerren

My Family

Heath, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Gary J Kerr, Mr

Self / Retired

Flower Mound, TX

There should be Constitutional Carry in Texas. There should be no "infringement" by government on the God given right of self defense.

Rick Mattice

Self/Retired

Corsicana, TX

No one that is lawfully allowed to carry a weapon should ever have to ask permission from the Govt. When it is clearly stated in the 2nd Amendment that it is our God given right. The constitution and bill of rights was written to restrict Govt. not the people.. Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

Del Blue

Self retired

Crowley, TX

Texans should have the right to carry a firearm to protect their family and themselves without government approval! Texas should have gotten this right last session! So do the right thing for Texas and Texans and pass 1238.

Eric Perry

Self

Conroe, TX

With a crisis of illegal immigration at our border it is my intention to exercise my 2nd amendment right. Unimpeded as someone who can legally possess a firearm. To carry that legally purchased firearm for the protection of myself, my family, and others. Protection from criminals who will illegally obtain weapons regardless of our laws. Please stand up for the right to protect ourselves when tyrannical governments have failed us by creating and then ignoring the crisis to our national security.

Betty Taylor, Mrs

Self, wife, mother, homemaker

Brownwood, TX

I support Constitutional carry . Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Joseph Baker

Self

San Antonio, TX

Fully support the rights of legal law abiding citizens to be able to readily protect themselves by carrying on their person

Jerry Krotz, Mr.

Self

Ore City, TX

support 1238 & 2900 bills

Kristy Wooley, Mrs.

Self

Holland, TX

I support the bill for Constitutional carry. I believe that any infringements on our 2nd Amendment rights is unconstitutional.

Carol Buchhorn, Mrs.

Self, Retired

Cuero, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jerry Krotz

Self

Ore City, TX

SUPPORT 1238 AND HB 2900

Anthony Veith, CPT (US Army)

Self

Killeen, TX

I wish to make clear my support for unrestricted carry of firearms by all persons legally able to possess them, as well as my opposition of any law criminalizing or regulating the possession/carrying/transfer/manufacture/etc. of any firearm, ammunition, or accessory.

A belief in the fundamental right of self defense necessitates a derivative belief in the fundamental right to maintain the means to defend oneself effectively. If I have no right to own or carry weapons that make me realistically able to defend my life, liberty, and property, then I have no right to defend myself at all. For if I am not allowed a realistic opportunity to win, my fundamental right to self defense is only a paper right, and does not exist in practice. It is the essence of a conflict between that which is de jure and that which is de facto.

Liberty means not needing to ask permission. Innate Rights are things people are entitled to based simply on their humanity. The right of self defense is a liberty-granting right. It preempts any attempt to impose a permission requirement on a fundamental liberty (similar to the first amendment). This is as opposed to protective rights like the Fourth Amendment and Fifth Amendment which limit what government entities can do TO us. These examples are all negative rights (they protect us from acts against us, but require nothing be given to us or done for us for free). These kinds of rights are innate in our humanity, and stand in stark contrast to the kinds of "rights" we hear about today; rights that require other people to give their labor or property to strangers without compensation ("the right to healthcare"). How strange it is that it's so much easier to pass laws establishing the latter than protecting the former.

Any law which imposes a permit requirement, a regulation, a tax, or any other form of restriction, on the private ownership and carrying of individual weapons, ammunition, and accessories is a violation of the fundamental right to self defense. Firearms equalize a fight between mismatched opponents, and they prevent a government monopoly on force. Rights that require permission are not rights, and guns that are neutered by the state are not effective against the people who don't have neutered firearms (criminals and the state).

Ronald Hotchkiss

Texas gun owners

KILLEEN, TX

It's should have been passed long ago for legal gun owners to be able to open carry for their protection and protection of others

David Dolcater

self

Austin, TX

I refuse to pay for the "privilege" of exercising a right.

Stephen Williams

Self-Retired

Houston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kris Mcginty

Self/ business owner

Crosby, TX

Texans/Americans shouldn't need government permission to enjoy liberty that is protected by our nation's constitution.
"GIVE ME LIBERAL OR GIVE ME DEATH"

Frederick Ellsworth

Self

Hempstead, TX

Vote yes to allow.

Deborah Henkel

Self

Somerville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Brian Kendrick

Self

ATLANTA, TX

Its about time for Texas to enact this legislation into law, like other states have done.

Albert Richardson

Self - Contractor

ABILENE, TX

I hope this goes through! i completed the course Three Years Ago!!! Still haven't recieved my permit!!! three calls to the Gov. Office with no return! I even called the hotline! Man said the right agency would contact me the next day? No luck! This is fraud as i see it! They took my money, that's for sure!!! Should i lawyer up, or what?

Bill Wilson, Mr

self, executive

Bogata, TX

The US Constitution clearly gives all law abiding citizens the right to keep and bear arms for any lawful purpose. I fully support the right to own and carry firearms without any requirement for a license to carry.

Timothy Smith, Mr

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Cody Clark

TXGR

Quitaque, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Shelly Payne

Self

Humble, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jonathan Huibregtse

Self, Cytotechnologist

Austin, TX

Please support Constitutional Carry in Texas. The right to self defense is given to us all by God. Let's all do our part to keep Texas free and protect Texans' liberties. Thank you very much.

Juanita Withem, Mrs

Lifelong citizen of Texas

College Station, TX

The carrying of a firearm is to be deemed a privilege granted by our forefathers for the protection of my family and property, until assistance is available, our rights and privileges are castle disappearing. Please don't let Texas join the majority wishing to enslave the American people!

Susan Hendricks

Self

Pittsburg, TX

As a Texan and a US citizen it is my right the bear arms. I repectfully request this be passed.

Kelly Harmon

Self, Corporate Financial Manager

McKinney, TX

I support the passing of HB 1238.

Billy Underwood

Texans

Hitchcock, TX

Firstly this is not a constitutional carry bill. The Constitution gives every Citizen the right to keep and bear arms, not you. Also any bill that has the words "a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm" is an unconstitutional bill anyway. If you are a free man and a citizen you have the right to keep and bear arms. Period. The sooner you jackasses in this capital and the one in Washington figure out that you don't have the power to give or take away rights enumerated in the bill of rights, the better off this country will be. The Bill of Rights isn't just a list of our rights, first and foremost it's a list of the rights that you're not allowed to touch, and you Representatives have gotten away with whittling at our rights for too long.

Carl Bean, Mr.

Self - Retired

Amarillo Tx., TX

This is a good thing for Texans. Will require some extra effort/ responsibility on the part of law enforcement & the judiciary, but will settle in after population overcomes the stigma of "Oh My a GUN- PANIC"

Bruce Reif

Self / Responsible Master Plumber

Venus, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Thomas Harper, 1SG (Retired)

Self - US Army Retired

San Antonio, TX

This bill Is a MUST if the American and Texan way of life is to be maintained, anything less is an infringement of our rights under the Constitution Of the United States of America.

Marshall Garza

Self, Machine Operator

Bay City, TX

This needs to be done.

Susan Wollman, Mrs.

self, retired

Lewisville, TX

Constitutional Carry is so named because it adheres to the Second Amendment. As a Texan, I should not have to ask permission to do something that is a constitutional right. I should be allowed to ensure my own safety by carrying a handgun if I so choose to do so. The "Jim Crowe" provision to license people to bear arms should be repealed as it was and still is a racially motivated law that should be stricken from the books immediately. Of course, criminals who abuse the right to bear arms are going to break the law—they don't care about a license, since there is no license to illegally use a gun. Therefore, the law requiring a license to carry a gun only penalizes the law abiding citizen and does nothing to stop criminal use of firearms. Four of the five safest States in America do not require a license to carry a firearm, and Texas should follow suit. Additionally, statistics show that crime rates decline within five years of passing Constitutional Carry. Because of the above-mentioned reasons, I urge you to pass Constitutional Carry laws within our great State of Texas.

Robert Magnes

self Retired

Richland Springs, TX

The right of a law abiding legal citizen of this country to carry a firearm is afforded to them by the Constitution of the United States.

Steven Amitrani

Self/Trisl Paralegal

Dallas, TX

Please vote TRUE for this House bill, without amendments or delays.

Christopher Todd, Mr

Self

Rockport, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Robert Turner Sr

Self

Silsbee, TX

I'm 66 years old and have been "legally" carrying for over 20 years. I support the constitutional carry bills and feel that they should be passed into law.

James Leake

self

Driftwood, TX

I am in favor of this bill as a freedom loving Texan

Rob Mead

Self

Marble falls, TX

I am in support of this bill

charles collie

self

Kerrville, TX

This is important to me

Adam Borg

Self

Round Rock, TX

As a second amendment supporter, I feel all citizens in Texas or any other state should be able to carry a firearm without the government infringing on this God given, constitutionally protected right.

It's not the states right to require the citizens to pay a fee, get additional background checks and ask "permission" from the state to execute their rights.

Texas is falling behind many other states that do not interfere with their citizens rights to carry a firearm.

PLEASE vote to allow the people of Texas the freedom they deserve and protect their constitutional rights.

Elbert Rives Jr

Texas

El Campo, TX

I support this bill. We already have the riright to bear arms of any kind no stipulation under the Second Amendment. Thank you for supporting our Construction

Michael Barnhart

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please support this bill

Francesco Iacopelli

self - IT

Kerrville, TX

I am asking the Texas House Committee to fully support "Constitutional Carry" for the state of Texas. The right to self protection is God given. One of the best modern tools we have in self protection is the handgun. Governments are to secure natural rights. Seventeen other states have secured this right in their state's constitution and there is no evidence that this has lead to an increase in homicides or increased violence. In fact there is correlation that crime has in fact been reduced in these states. Finally, as the current Administration seeks ways to infringe on Second Amendment freedoms nationally, it will be up to the states, in accordance with the 10th Amendment, to secure the people of Texas freedom. I am proud that people look to Texas as a liberty loving FREE state. I urge you to continue that proud Texas tradition and SUPPORT Constitutional Carry for the state of Texas.

Richard Davis

Self/truck driver

Midway, TX

I believe in the constitution and that any law abiding citizen should have the right to carry

Don Finch

Self and other concerned Texans

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Mavis Drueckhammer

Texas Gun Rights

Hamilton, TX

Do not add any other provisions to this bill. It is our legal right to carry by the Constitution.

Ty Nordic, Mr

Self

Willis, TX

17 states have Constitutional Carry laws. No negative consequences have been reported.
Texas is supposed to be a LEADER in all things related to 2A. Texas Constitutional Carry is long overdue!

Bernave Beltran, Mr

Self/Disabled

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kenneth Carter

Self, retired

Chriesman, TX

I support this bill. It's time to join all of the other states that have affirmed this right of their citizens.

Charles List

Self/engineer and business owner

Allen, TX

It is time to remove the licensing requirement for citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment right.

Addison Miller

self

Georgetown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michael Brotzman

Self

Rockport, TX

Please vote to allow open or concealed carry of firearms in Texas.

Elaine Miller

self

Georgetown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun

Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Robert Roberson

Self/State Employee

Abilene, TX

I am a State employee. Part of my responsibilities are searching for citizens by electronic records. The tool I use to do this utilizes the list of LTC permits as a source of location. Currently we have a responsible conservative local government but that could change quickly as demonstrated by our federal government. It is for this reason I do not exercise my constitutional right to carry and leave me and my family defenseless. A future hostile government could use my records against me in a malicious manner. States increasingly are passing constitutional carry legislation, when will Texas stand up for the rights of citizens and do the same?

Josue Valdez, Mr.

Self, DISABLED now.

BROWNSVILLE, TX

I'm totally in favor of this bill to become effective law immediately.

Jonathan Beard

Self - Operations Manager Finance

Lubbock, TX

This is important that this bill pass as to further grant the liberties afforded to all free men under the constitution. To fail to do so, continues to shackle the law abiding citizens and prohibit the freedom of those that cannot afford to pay for the right. A Given right should never come with a price attached.

Floyd Epperson

Self

Levelland, TX

Please pass for good of Texas.

Frank Krawiec

Self

Justin, TX

Please support constitutional carry. It is our God given right.

Todd Clark

Self / Engineer

Trinidad, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Russell

Self/GOA

Hurst, TX

This is Texas, home of the Cowboy, we should be leading the country in supporting our Constitution and 2nd Amendment. Please support this Bill for Constitutional Carry and stand up for our God given rights and we will continue to support you in the future elections.

Katie Jones, Ms

Self

Houston, TX

& 2900

Franklin Humphreys

self

HALLSVILLE, TX, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Winnie J Morgan

Self

Llano, TX

I am an advocate for responsible Constitutional Carry and I urge elected officials to honor their oaths of office and whole heartedly support our United States Constitution.

Roger Cornett

Texas Gun Rights

Midland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Penny Harlow

Self retired

Flint, TX

Here in Texas, we don't need our Federal Government approving our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. I'm a law abiding, gun carrying woman in Texas.

Donald Fonville

SELF / DISABLED VETERAN

Emory, TX

I believe in the Constitution of the United States and the first and second Amendment. It is the right of every law abiding CITIZEN of the United States and a Texas resident to be able to carry any legal firearm including the AR15 and any handgun of their choosing, but I also think that everyone that carries a firearm is responsible for the results of shooting the firearm and where ever the bullet ends up being it hunting or in self defense situation the person firing the firearm is liable for any results of firing such firearm should any innocent by standers or equipment, etc. be damaged. If you are going to carry a firearm you must be a responsible person and understand the results of using such firearm. I am a Vietnam veteran of the US Navy Mobile Riverine Force in the Mekong Delta Brown Water Navy and I strongly believe in the SECOND AMENDMENT. The AR 15 is NOT AN ASSAULT RIFLE. AN ASSUALT RIFLE IS CAPIBLE OF BEING A FULLY AUTOMATIC RIFLE.

Jody Dellinger, Retired Navy

Self

Magnolia, TX

I support this House Bill for "common Sence" gun law and support. Texas needs to do everything in its power to fight any Washington gun-grabbers and any radical ideas of dismantling the Second Amendment. Texas needs to continue to support its law-abiding citizens to feel safe and to protect themselves or just the right to enjoy firearms as a sport. Please pass this bill...

Earl Phillips

Self

Manchaca, TX

Support

Joe Lash

Self/Safety Manager

Lumberton, TX

Should be the right of every law abiding Texan.

Jerry Harmon

self

Canyon Lake, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jeff Williams
Self- transportation
Orange, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional carry House Bills 1238 &2900 with NO amendments or delays. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michael Antal
self retired
Tyler, TX

Please vote for true constitutional carry with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas gun rights will keep me informed of your actions

JOHN MCCARTHY
Business name, if applicable
Albany, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Charlotte LASH
Self
LUMBERTON, TX

It should be the right of every law abiding Texas resident.

Vincent Smith, MR
Self
Bedford, TX

Please support this bill.

Brian Siegel, Mr.
Self
Copperas Cove, TX

All lawful citizens that are allowed to purchase a fire arm should not have to "ask" the government for its permission to carry a firearm in a lawful manner.

Fredric Tucker
Self

Fort Worth, TX

N/A

Suzanne Antal, Ms

self retired

Tyler, TX

Please vote for true constitutional carry with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Blaine Winderl, Rev.

n/a

Killeen, TX

In favor of this bill

Terri Hall

self

Kerrville, TX

I'm in favor of speedy passage of this bill. Texas is behind on 2A freedoms and we need this now more than ever.

Jimmy Jack

Self

Plainview, TX

This is nothing more than the State of Texas recognizing the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. I fully support this measure

Deborah Sullivan, Dr

Self

Plano, TX

I support this bill as I have this right by the 2nd A & the right to PROTECT MYSELF & MY FAMILY! Please protect the CONSTITUTION & OUR RIGHTS!

Chris Bowling

Self

Laredo, TX

I strongly support the open or concealed carry of a lawfully purchased firearm by a citizens. We are guaranteed this right from our Creator to defend our self and family when necessary at a moments notice regardless of circumstance or place. I implore the Body to pass this legislation.

Daniel Blahuta, Mr

Self, Retired

Whitesboro, TX

I want to be able to legally carry protection for me and my family without the burden of obtaining the government's permission.

Timothy Sutter

Self

Allen, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kevin Sherling

Self, essential worker

Fredericksburg, TX

The constitution gives us the right to bear arms. It doesn't say where we can, just that we have the right. This means everywhere

James P Macklin

My own constitutional rights as a citizen of the USA as state In the first and second amendment

Houston, TX

The ability to form "a well-regulated militia' as needed when needed is dependent on our right to keep and bare arms. At this point in time, of defunding police, releasing felons on their own recognizance with multiple outstanding charges, virtually open borders and cartels establishing themselves in this state, it has never been more important that the right of the "People" as stated in the 2nd amendment not be infringed upon. Registration and licensing of guns only serves to make law abiding citizens subject to confiscation of the arms required for the defense of our homes, communities, and potentially our State and Nation.

James Moses

self Software Engineer

McKinney, TX

I am in favor of less restrictions on the private carry of firearms for personal protection. Items such as fees and forms can place an undue burden on our most vulnerable citizens and delay them from being able to protect themselves. Our police are fantastic but can only be in so many places at any one time. Citizens should have the right to protect themselves immediately without the delay associated with attending classes and applying for "permission" to exercise a God given right to freedom and a life free from fear.

Cheri Schwartz
Texas Gun Rights
Garland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!
Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Robert Gahrman, Mr
Self- Retired
Rockport, TX

I wholly support this bill. I have for the longest time wondered how the State of Texas can call themselves free, while mandating payment and conditions upon the rights of its citizens. I understood the safety of carry issues the State reserved, but an outright ban of the right to bear arms unless payment is forfeited to the State seems a travesty and an injustice. These are my opinions, thank you for your attention.

Becky Bush
Self/ Retail Sales Specialists
Pottsboro, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. Please keep the Second Amendment and not take our rights away or weaken it, make or keep it strong for We the People.

Ron Hutson
Self/ Retired
Fritch, TX

I vote yes and I ask our officials to approve bill 1238 and bill 2900

Darren Metzger
Self
Liberty Hill, TX

The second amendment is clear that our right to bear arms shall not be infringed. I see no where in the constitution where you're allowed to require a license to carry. In my opinion licenses to carry a firearm as a law abiding citizen is just a "tax" imposed by the shall issue state of Texas. The only license needed to carry a firearm in America is the constitution. Any law hindering that is unconstitutional.

James welch, TSgt USAF Ret
Self
Floresville, TX

Myself and my wife both agree with this bill. If a law abiding citizen is able to purchase a firearm then they should be able to carry it for personal protection. Thank you for your time.

William Van Syckle, Rev.

“Self” Retired FLEO

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michelle Malant, Burnet

Self

Burnet, TX

I support hb 1238 entirely. Having been a native of Arizona and living 35yrs there with constitutional carry. The people's right to self defense is not to be infringed, at all.

Larry Ingham

self - retired

Schertz, TX

Even though I have a Texas LTC and because I am a retired LEO I am qualified to carry a concealed weapon under LEOSA I strongly urge you to sign this bill into law.

Nathaniel Beam

Self Production Manager

Fredericksburg, TX

Under Constitution Rights to rights to self defense protection of self family and property

Ted Bush

Mr.

Lubbock, TX

Pass the Bill

Christopher Inge, Mr

Self

San Angelo, TX

To much government oversight. Shall not be infringed. 2A is our fundamental right to determine how we store, transport, carry,

possessing, any firearm We The People so choose. I think we should spend less time taking away law abiding citizens freedoms and give more power to the people to determine how they run their own lives. Texas should be a sanctuary for the 2nd amendment and Shall not infringe on individuals right to carry. We should be able to defend our family's and homes. I am tired of politicians trampling on our rights and should be less government oversight. I am for the protection of 2A and individual rights to keep and bear arms. Thank you.

John White, N/A

Self

Rockwall, TX

Senior Cpl. Glenn White, who was president of the Dallas Police Association, lobbied against the law concealed-carry law in 1993 and 1995 because he thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. Senior Cpl. White admits, though, "All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it's worked out well, and that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I'm a convert."

My former State Senator, the honorable Dr. Bob Deuell reported later on how research reveals how law enforcement officers were more likely to commit a crime than Texas CHL holders.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas State Constitution affirm the individual right to keep and bear arms.

The licensing process expends a lot of money and state administrative labor to scrutinize law-abiding Texas citizens instead of investing in connecting past criminal behavior with law enforcement agencies.

By definition, law-abiding citizens do just this: obey the laws. Outlaws, by definition, do not obey gun laws. Licensing affects the behaviors of either group of persons.

The U.S. Constitution only AFFIRMS our natural right to self-defense with weapons. The enumerated powers of Congress do not provide for federal control of private gun ownership. As per the Tenth Amendment, all authority to regulate gun ownership and the use of firearms falls under the separate state legislatures.

Passage of HB 1238 is important to me because it restores firearms freedom predating the statehood of Texas.

Donald Feeney

Self - retired risk manager

Katy, TX

I do not support permitless concealed carry in Texas. In summary, I believe it increases risk for law enforcement, the folks carrying concealed without a permit, and other citizens in the vicinity.

I am an experienced and responsible firearms owner and shooter, having started in formal marksmanship competition 49 years ago, and having competed at NCAA level and instructed marksmanship in the Army. I also possess a TX CHL, and have had CHLs from two other states. Using and especially carrying a firearm brings tremendous responsibility, and all three state CHL processes had basic, important requirements that needed to be met to convey that level of responsibility.

It has been argued that statistically, it's very rare for a CHL holder to commit a crime or misuse a handgun, and there's good reason for this. The CHL permitting process is relatively easy, it still requires one to listen to instruction about legal and other responsibilities, and then prove understanding through a written exam; then on the practical/range portion, it requires one to demonstrate the fundamentals of safe firearm handling and a semblance of marksmanship. An individual going through that

process, as well as the application process that follows the class, has at least demonstrated (1) the motivation to be mentally and emotionally responsible as a CHL holder, and (2) the ability to be physically safe.

On the other hand, that same statistically argument has often, and illogically been used to support permitless concealed carry. It's hard to imagine any wisdom in handing car keys and saying, "Heck you don't need a license, just go have fun!", to a 16 year old who has never had any classroom or behind-the-wheel driver training beyond playing the Grand Theft Auto video game. Likewise, what would happen if we remove the legal instruction and demonstration of minimal safety/marksmanship abilities, and let someone without training carry concealed?

Another argument used to support permitless carry is that other processes prevent those who cannot legally own (or carry) a firearm from obtaining a firearm. Again, an illogical and incorrect argument. Because a TX resident can legally purchase a firearm from another resident without ever passing a background check, in many cases firearms transfer ownership without any vetting process.

As Director of Risk for a major oil company before I retired, my job was to oversee assessing and mitigating risk. In this case, I don't see any possible mitigation of risk arising from allowing people to conceal carry with no instruction and no vetting process.

Finally, the objective of federal level reciprocity for licensed/permitted concealed carry moves farther away as more states adopt permitless carry.

Theresa Pellecchia

Self

Murphy, TX

I SUPPORT this bill and thank you for supporting the fact the the 2nd Amendment states the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Stephen Harris

self

Hewitt, TX

As a Law-biding citizen, I shouldn't need any permission slip from government to carry my lawfully possessed handgun.

Tommy Medders

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QUINLAN, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Donald Rutledge, Sgt Army Retired

Self

Allen, TX

I'm a retired Army soldier who is in support of constitutional carry, I have my license to carry thru the Great State of Texas, I have my license to carry so that I'm legal to carry which I have to purchase in order to exercise the right to carry under the Bill of

Rights, I believe it's important to have constitutional carry for those who can't afford the the course, license especially those living in areas of lower neighborhoods, these Americans need the protection because Law Enforcement isn't around most of the time and due to the defunding of law Enforcement by the Democrats who care less about human rights, we taxpayers demand the rights to protect ourselves and that it is a right! Texas lacks freedom and liberty because of politicians on both sides who are wanting to control the rights of those who are the We The People, if someone wants to be licensed, it should that option, I will keep my license to carry especially when I travel thru other states, As for Constitutional carry it is the right of the 2nd amendment that shouldn't be infringed upon by politicians who does infringe on that right, respectfully Donald Rutledge, SGT Army Retired

Bill Kent

Self

Midland, TX

I ask that the Texas House please pass this bill to allow lawful carry of firearms without a permit. Other states have similar laws and a state like Texas, that values individual freedoms, should too.

Michael Doyel

self / Software Engineering Development

Bedford, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. Thank you!

Terry Posey

Self

Mineola, TX

I am proud to support your efforts to pass constitutional carry

Thomas Pittman

Retired Military and Civilian

Bandera, TX

I'm a proud American that supported this country in 2 wars and supports the constitution of the United States of America. I have always believed that as an American regardless of state of residence I should be able to carry a gun open or concealed per my 2nd amendment right. I do not have to have a state permit to speak freely as per the 1st amendment right. Yet we have seen that words can cause as much pain and hurt as any gun can. I'm very active in my community and I know I could easily get 1000 or more signed votes for approving this bill in one day! So I an excited that Texas could follow Tennessee and approve this bill. As of right now the Federal Government has abandoned the residents of Texas due to border issues. We need the right to protect ourselves, our families, and America.

Thank you Sincerely Thomas Pittman

Robert Hawk

Self

Edinburg, TX

I support this.

Von Boudreaux, me, myself and I

Self Retired

Orange, TX

Law a baying citizens should be allowed to carry without a license.

Ulysses Riley

Self

Alba, TX

the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.
This is not merely a suggestion.

Evan Stern, Dr.

self, physician

COPPERAS COVE, TX

I support this bill and urge you to vote in favor of it.

David Norris

NRA

Irving, TX

Please endorse this bill in order to enable qualified citizens to self protection.

Hector Zelaya

MYSELF

Katy, TX

I support this bill to eliminate an extra layer of governmental bureaucracy. No permit should be needed.

HAROLD KRUDWIG

self

Burnet, TX

please support hb1238 and hb2900

David Johnson
Self - self employed consultant
San Antonio, TX

Please pass this legislation.

Michael Salvatti
Self / Law Enforcement
EL PASO, TX

I fully support this bill. As a law enforcement officer I know too well that law enforcement usually arrives after the crime has occurred and rarely intervenes in the commission of a crime. For this reason I believe it is vitally important that all citizens are authorized the means for self defense. This is especially true for those citizens that cannot physically fend off the assault or attack of a younger, stronger attacker, multiple attackers or an armed attacker. The ability to wield a firearm serves as an equalizer that allows a person to be able to defend themselves when law enforcement is not present and when they are overmatched by their attacker(s). The constitution grants the right to all citizens of the U.S. to keep and bear arms, and as this bill states, unless they are otherwise prohibited, they should be allowed to do so whether openly or concealed.

Randall Ward
self
The Woodlands, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Justin Horton
Self
Corsicana, TX
Vote True without Delay

Carl Portz, Col
Self
Boerne, TX

We need this

Casey bernard
Self
Burleson, TX

It's my right quit trying to charge me for it

Alfred Logullo

self / retired

Corpus Christi, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jimmy Fields

American Constitution

Azle, TX

It's our Conversational right to bare arms.

Why are we even having this debate?

Is this America of The Constitution or American the political opinion nation?

These provisions were placed in the Constitution by our forefathers, knowing and foreseeing that this would be an issue by a government trying take away rights ~ let's call it what it is!

Where are The Statesmen to put the politicians in there place ... OUT!!!

Brian Goldy

self, maritime industry

Sugar Land, TX

I support this legislation. Anyone who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from carrying a firearm should not need a special license to carry their firearm. Law abiding citizens should be free to carry a firearm without the burden of being required to have a special license.

Jacob Kaiser, Mr

Self

Lovelady, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Patricia Kemp

Self

Krugerville, TX

I support the right to bear arms in Texas.

I support Constitutional Carry in Texas

Eugene Herod

Self / Retired from IBM

Austin, TX

Law-abiding citizens should be able to carry anywhere not prohibited until they commit a crime. When they commit a crime arrest them and throw a way the key. Regulated criminals, not law abiding citizens.

Vicky Watts

Marino's Marvels

Venus, TX

We should have constitutional carry in Texas. It shouldn't even be in question in the first place.

Robert Sproul

self ...rental property owner and manager

Fort Davis, TX

Yes do pass it!!!

Harry Josten

self

Grapevine, TX

The right to keep and bear arms is a God given right that has been recognized and guaranteed by the 2nd amendment of the US constitution. It is a right, not a privilege, and therefore must require no permit from any government for its' free exercise. I am currently a CHL holder but I believe that requiring a CHL is an infringement of my rights. I don't need a permit to exercise any other constitutional right.

Kathryn Welch-Cykala

SELF

EL CAMPO, TX

As a land & legal gun owner in Texas we deserve the right to own, posses & carry legal firearms to protect & defend ourselves against threats foreign & domestic.

Joseph Mumme, The Honorable

self

San Antonio, TX

Its everyone's God given right to protect them self. Biden's "Open Border" policy has made that more of a challenge. Free men have the use of arms. Slaves do not. Its beyond time that all free men are trusted with arms without beg the government of Texas for permission to exercise that right.

EDMUNDO ARVIZU, Rev.

Self - Front Desk Security

Dallas, TX

As a law-abiding citizen of the great State of Texas, I support Constitutional Carry, Possession, Transporting, and storing of firearms.

Frederick Shipley

HOUSTON, TX

Open or Concealed Carry should be the same thing: Carry. The Second Amendment doesn't define where on my pants; in or out; I carry a gun. Places protected by law officers should be marked by sign and carry should be diminished.

Kimberly Taylor

Self / Self-Employed

Kerrville, TX

I want to voice my opinion that law-abiding citizens without a felony record should be able to conceal carry a handgun on their person without a license. It is well known that criminals already do not obey the law, and they carry without a license. As a law-abiding citizen, it would be a comforting measure to protect me from criminals out to commit a crime against my family or me.

Gary Allen

Texas Gun Rights

Austin, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Thomas Balke

self

HOUSTON, TX

I believe it is within our rights to carry with out a license and support HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, and HB 2900.

Warren Norred

Self (attorney)

Arlington, TX

I support this. Too many states have similar laws and have experienced no negative results. Restrictions on the carrying of weapons always hurts the law-abiding, and enables criminals. Additionally, the most likely individuals that are hurt by such regulations are women who find themselves the target of unwanted attention, e.g., <https://thefederalistpapers.org/second-amendment-2/outrageous-nj-woman-brutally-murdered-while-waiting-for-pistol-permit-to-protect-herself>.

Alan Locke

Myself and family

Grandview, TX

I believe in Constitutional permitless open carry. This will thwart off evil and save lives.

James Phillips

Self - Systems Analyst

El Paso, TX

This bill is necessary to secure our rights guaranteed under the Second Amendment to the US Constitution and Section 23 of Article 1 of the Texas Constitution.

Michael Marquis

Self - Engineer

Josephine, TX

Common sense finds laws are only adhered to by law abiding citizens and does nothing to curtail the criminal intent.

It is therefore common sense to remove any restrictions that limit the law abiding in their pursuit of necessary actions regarding protection of themselves and their families.

Please vote in favor of the citizens of Texas by supporting this bill which removes the unnecessary restrictions placed upon those who have been vetted as responsible firearm owners, allowed by existing legislation.

Billy Poling

Self

Lewisville, TX

The 2nd Amendment, being a Constitutional right, should not carry with it restrictions pertaining to the carry of firearms, openly or concealed, by law abiding citizens. Rights expressed in our Constitution are granted to The People, and they are designed to restrict and prohibit the government, not empower and embolden it.

Texas law, regarding Constitutional Carry, is long overdue for a change. Texas values are those of Liberty, Integrity, and Independence. We, as Texans, should not be required to “ask permission”, or pay a fee for a license, to freely express our right to self defense, or the defense of others, from deadly threat.

“Constitutional carry now, Constitutional carry forever” should be a cry shouted from every rooftop, and spoken from the mouths of every voter. Words have meaning, and there are no four words printed in our Constitution with a more clear meaning than “shall not be infringed”.

Ronald Pierce

Self. Mechanical

Burleson, TX

Yes we need this

ALAN Larson

SELF

Eules, TX

GO FOR IT

Damon George

Texas Resident

Round Rock, TX

The US Constitution States "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" To "bear" in the constitution means: to possess for ones protection. Currently our border is being flooded by illegal aliens, it is more important than ever we be allowed to "bear" arms not only in our homes, but on our persons. This to protect our selves and our loved ones. The Constitution allows for and we should not be imposed a fee in order to walk in our 2nd ammendment rights to "bear" (possess) arms for the protection of ourselves and our loved ones. Law abiding Citizens should not be in fear that the bad guy walking down the street may be carrying a weapon and we are only afforded that same ability after we pay our fee. Good men with guns save lives. As the new administration in DC works hard to "infringe" our rights to bear arms, our good Texas government should work hard to protect against that happening. Please pass HB 1238 and allow law abiding family and state loving Texans to walk fully in our 2nd ammendment right free of fees to better protect those we love. Thank You.

Marven Vodrey

-- please select a prefix --

Temple, TX

All for the bill

Charles Hershman, Mr

Self, my occupation is a Civilian USAF employee

Abilene, TX

I support Constitutional Carry! I am a retired police officer, veteran and current USAF employee. It is our God given right, stated in our Constitution and the best way to keep our families, communities and state safe from criminals and terrorist.

Dr.,Jerry Gillis Jr., Attorney, MBA, D.C.

self-Doctor of Chiropractic

Bushland, TX

I fully support HR 1238 and 2900. Anyone that is deemed able to own a gun, should be able to carry that gun either openly or concealed, without permission or by right through requiring a license. Period. Other discussion is not needed.

Jason Chagan, Mr

Self

Lewisville, TX

Pass constitutional carry and restore the 2nd amendment

Charles Turner, Rev.

Self, Pastor

Ben Wheeler, TX

Get it passed!!!!

Stephanie Arnett

Self RN

Houston, TX

I support constitutional carry. Gun-free zones and excessive permitting requirements emboldens true criminals to take advantage of unarmed people. Permitting also creates a database that can be exploited by tyrannical government to take away people's firearms.

Debra Powell, Dr.

myself

Cedar Park, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Cox

self, engineer

El Paso, TX

Thank you for allowing me to opportunity to express my support for this bill. Living in El Paso it is quite prohibitive to appear in person while working to support a family. I am incredibly moved by this bill and think its passage will be an asset to the state of Texas and be of great benefit to all.

Over the years I've had several co-workers and friends ask me about self-protection and how to defend themselves against angry exes and disgruntled family members and acquaintances. While several of these people had filed restraining orders, they were ignored by the aggressor on multiple occasions though by the time the police arrived the assailant was already gone. All of my co-workers own firearms to protect themselves in their home and those new to firearms sought out additional training. However not all have been able to afford a license to carry so they can protect themselves while out and about.

I'd also like to cite the August 3, 2019 massacre at the El Paso Wal-Mart where a deranged man shot and killed 23 people in cold blood. Unfortunately, the Wal-Mart he targeted was frequented by shoppers from the lower-income neighborhoods south of Interstate 10. I've spoken to several of those victims and while they are gun owners, they did not have a license to carry and were therefore defenseless against this lunatic with emotional problems.

As a final example, my mother just turned 74 and lives alone just one street over from me. She is a retired educator and lives on a fixed income. She is still independent and can drive and function on her own though that also means I cannot always accompany her when she is out and about running her errands. During one of these trips she was accosted by several sales people while she

was exiting her vehicle, placing her in a bad situation. By the grace of God, I happened by a few moments later and ran off the aggressors though had I not happened by I am afraid she could have been assaulted or much, much, worse.

In close, I ask that you pass this bill for the good of those who Texans who cannot afford to obtain a license to carry yet have a need to defend themselves and their families. Evil will always persist in the world and no congress can legislate responsibility. However, we can remove the barriers that prevent those who are good from defending themselves.

Sincerely,
James Cox
El Paso, TX

Jonathan Hammer
Self, driver salesman
Sherman, TX

Constitutional carry now

David Rico
Self
San Antonio, TX

I think it should be a legal Right for a Texas resident that has exercised good judgment and law abiding habits everyday, one must be able to protect, life liberty and justice and to even aid local police whenever necessary to protect life and property, we need this right to be exercised here in the state to keep criminals in fear of committing any sort of crime knowing that their life may be at risk when trying to attempt a criminal act.

Deborah Credit-Burris
myself
BURLESON, TX

Constitutional carry should be law in Texas.

Georgetta White, Mrs.
self, retired
Huntsville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! I prefer a roll call vote so I will be able to determine how my representatives voted so I can hold them accountable during the next election cycle. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jaime Hernandez, Mr.
Self
Blanco, TX

Pass constitutional carry

David Dockter

Self

Coleman, TX

I support 1238

michael watson

Zelf

Arlington, TX

Please Support HB1238 for Our personal safety and support for Our Constitutional Rights per 2nd Admendment of Our Bill of Rights.

James Conn, Mr

Self

Abernathy, TX

I fully support this bill

David Crane

Self

Groves, TX

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

James Brown

Self

Paducah, TX

I support this this bill it needs to be passed

Greg Tallant

Not A Paid Lobby Organization/Me, My Wife, and my 4 Daughters

Corinth, TX

If I can legally own a firearm, I should be allowed to carry it where ever I go, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OF PROSECUTION by ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT! It is why our Forefathers, who were Statesmen instead of Politicians created the 2nd Amendment, as We The American People have the right to PROTECT OURSELVES FROM ENEMIES (BOTH FOREIGN AND

DOMESTIC).

Jeffrey Putman

Self - Purchasing assistant and US Citizen

Lewisville, TX

One of the most intelligent statements I've ever heard was "A license is you paying the government to exercise a Right you've already given away."

The 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution gives to ALL (legal) residents of the US the Right to Keep (own) and Bare (carry) arms. I fail to understand how ANY person, literate in the english language, could read that statement as anything other than that. By studying the writings of The Founders we can safely come to the conclusion that, not only was that their intention when crafting the 2nd Amendment, but that they viewed the Right to Keep and Bare Arms as proof to the rest of the world that the government had nothing to fear from an armed citizenry.

With that in mind I must ask anyone opposed to "Constitutional Carry" the following:

What, exactly, are you afraid of?

Marcos Rodriguez

Self

Harlingen, TX

Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm.

Sharon Edwards, Mrs.

Self

Austin, TX

Please vote yes on this bill, I shouldn't have to have permission to carry my lawfully possessed gun.

Michael Melendez

Self plumber

Fort worth, TX

This is our god given right as free citizens of this great state, and nation, this bill would allow law abiding citizens to protect our families and others.

craig somers

Texas Gun Rights

galveston, TX

I support Constitutional Carry. Please pass without delay. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed.

Dennis Turner

self - retail manager

Odessa, TX

I wish to express my support for this bill. It's past time that Texas joined the ever growing (and safer) group of states that recognize the citizens' right to keep and bear arms as provided for in the second amendment of the United States Constitution.

Leonard Swikert

Self

Alvarado, TX

Texas is falling behind when we should be leading. Pass this bill now.

Justin Smith

Self

Aurora, TX

We need constitutional carry. Support the bill of rights.

Matt Honeycutt

Myself

Orange, TX

I believe it's a Constitutional Right to carry a handgun to protect myself, family, property, and fellow citizens including backup for law enforcement officers who desperately need assistance!

Johnny Satterfield

Self / truck driver

Wichita Falls, TX

I support this 100%

Jacob Wood

Self

Arlington, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Tom Snyder

Self

Hutto, TX

Pass constitutional carry

David Coleman

Self / mechanic

Manvel, TX

“Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.”

Larry Gremminger

Self/Retired

Richmond, TX

Being a life long resident of Texas, I am disappointed that our state is not leading in a lot of conservative areas, but this bill for constitutional carry can help us move forward and catch up to many other states who already have this right which has been unlawfully infringed for many years for Texas residents. Data shows that states that recognized persons' right to for permitless carry have a lower crime rate than those that do not so I do not understand the legislature's hesitation to pass this. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away, but it does nothing to stop criminals because they are already determined to break the law anyway. Honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply want to come home safe at night, but currently are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

I appreciate the chance to state my position and ask that you support this bill.

Darek Mifkovic

Self, former marine and electrical assembly

Kaufman, TX

I am a firm believer that the US constitution is all a law abiding citizen needs to carry a firearm for personal protection.

DAVID VICKERY

self

HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX

past time for law abiding Texans to have constitution carry. Republicans promise this during the election, to get our campaign donations, and how soon they forget once they get elected.

Suzanne Coghlan

Self

Highland Village, TX

Law abiding Texas citizens need to be able to exercise their 2nd amendment right to carry a firearm to defend themselves.

Bradley Jenkins

Self

Azle, TX

I support this bill 100% and feel that it is long overdue in the state of Texas! Please send this bill to the floor for a vote and support Texans 2nd amendment right to bare arms.

Bruce Buffington, Mr.

self

Gainesville, TX

I support this bill

Zachary Carter

Self / Albertsons employe

Haltom City, TX

Please support and pass HB 1238

Drew Hollinger

self retired

League City, TX

No matter the restriction the bad guys will always get guns. So how can we protect our families and friends if we don't have a way to protect ourselves. I carry a 45 auto every day because I am afraid of being hurt, and I want to be able to protect my wife. As a matter of fact I have carried a hand gun almost always since the last 40 years and never fired it. I did on one occasion when I was a reserve police officer in Long Island and a couple of men approached me in my truck and wanted money I said how about this as I showed them my gun (did not point it at them) they got the message as they ran away. Last time I looked this is a free country, we need to keep it that way.

Daniel Dennison

McLendon Ranch LLC

Lubbock, TX

I strongly support the passage of HB1238 and HB2900. Our Texas heritage is legendary throughout the country, and it is imperative that we stand up and ensure the traditional unencumbered carrying of firearms by law abiding citizens as practiced by our forefathers.

Jacob Lamarre

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. The right to own and bear arms is a God given constitutional right that our

Founding Fathers knew we would need not only to protect our friends and families from people with negative intentions out there but also for the American people to stand up and defend themselves against the fascist, authoritarian communist tyrants that have been inserting themselves into our Federal Government for decades. It's time to stand up for the rights of the American people, that is why you are the elected officials, you are there to SERVE the American people which includes protecting the rights of the American people.

Ben Walton

Self

Lubbock, TX

I support this bill for the following reasons:

Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in."

Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

BRIAN PAPKE

self

CEDAR CREEK, TX

I support HB 1238. Texas who are legally able through both the Texas Constitution AND the US Constitution should not have to deal with cumbersome delays, red tape, and minutia before being allowed to exercise said right. Pass HB 1238.

Paul Anderson, Mr

self

Kerrville, TX

A Constitutional Carry state is a safer state. There are currently at least 18 other states who have Constitutional Carry in effect. In none of these states has violence or firearms accidents increased. The 2nd Amendment guarantees our natural right to bear arms and Texas citizens should not need to ask governmental permission and pay fees to carry a firearm. People who carry take responsibility for themselves. There are currently more firearms training courses than ever. Constitutional Carry by no means implies that training and firearms safety are thrown to the curb. I am urging the committee to pass this bill .

Brian Smith

Self

Conroe, TX

Please support HB 1238, guaranteeing or constitutional right to bear arms!

Robert Hornbuckle

Self

Dayton, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Randy Wallen

Self / Retired Sales Executive

Georgetown, TX

My name is Randy Wallen, and I am a resident of Georgetown, TX.

I support this bill for the following reasons:

The state is infringing on Texan's 2nd Amendment rights by forcing law abiding citizens to ask for permission to exercise the right to carry a handgun.

Gun control is a relic of the racist south, put into place to keep blacks from defending themselves against the Ku Klux Klan. It is disgusting that any law that harkens back to the Jim Crow era is still on the books.

Criminals break the law; they will not follow any rules put into place by the government. Only law-abiding citizens will follow the law, and government restrictions will simply serve to put good people behind the threat curve.

The State of Texas must allow law-abiding citizens the ability to defend themselves without any restriction.

I urge the committed to vote unanimously in favor of this bill.

Thank you.

Randy Wallen

Georgetown, TX 78526

Chad Tona

Self/finance

Rockwall, TX

Please pass constitutional carry.

David McMasters

self-retired

Fort Stockton, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Robert G Yates

Myself.

Rochester, TX

Texas needs to lead not lag behind. We need Constitutional Carry.
Please stand up for the Second Amendment.

William Keim

Director, Sales - Sales and Engineering

spring, TX

Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

- Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep newly freed black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.

- The majority of states don't require a license to carry a handgun in some form (see map).

- Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

- No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

- Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.

- Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho).

- Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or gets better.

Paul Goss

Self - Industrial Maintenance Technician

Vidor, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

David Adamski

Self

Garland, TX

We shouldn't need to protect our second amendment with more laws as it is supposed to be the ultimate law of the land. Due to the growing fascistic threat coming from Washington to limit our freedoms and infringe on a right which in and of itself states "shall not be infringed", Texas should be leading the way in promoting and enhancing the Second Amendment. It is the Tenth Amendment's directive to be a check on the Federal Government, especially one that is becoming more and more tyrannical.

Michelle Bendele
Self, research associate
Selma, TX

I support this bill.

William Geyer
self
Granbury, TX

I'm asking for your support of the Constitutional carry bills as a step in restoring my civil rights, your civil rights and those of all law abiding Texans. Please consider; restricting rights in the pursuit of safety just won't work. Those intent on mayhem will do as they wish with no regard for the law. Anti gun laws only oppress honest folks who are no threat to law and order anyway.

Thank You,
William Geyer Granbury, TX

Penny McKim
Self
Pearland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Rodney Johnson
Self
Hughes springs, TX

Please sponsor and Vote to get this bill passed. It is long over do. With wide open borders and illegals and all sorts of criminals coming into Texas cartel and Gang members it is past Time Texas legally can protect themselves.

Andrew Teague
Self, B-1 pilot
Tuscola, TX

I strongly encourage all efforts towards the passage of HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, & HB 2900. Keep Texas free!

Bill Shelton
self
Corpus Christi, TX

i support HB 1238 by Biedermann

Alejandro Rendon

Self- Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill because it reinforces the 2nd Amendment.

LLOYD McClain

self, retired

WICHITA FALLS, TX

I support this bill, being licensed to carry myself I believe the preservation of the right to self protection and the right to protect family and home from illegal harm or death and to feel safe and secure in one's personal spaces is paramount in today's world where the criminal seems to have more rights than law abiding citizens. The federal government wants to disarm law abiding citizens while at the same time ignoring the criminals and refusing to prosecute them for offenses. I believe America is a great country with opportunities for all to excel if they just apply themselves. I also believe the federal government is in the process of trying to undermine the 2nd amendment to the detriment of all freedom loving people.

It is my sincere wish that this bill become law, to benefit all Texans.

Thank You.

David Moody

Self / maintenance - fabrication

Cooper, TX

Good for law abiding citizens. 2nd amendment rights!!

Earl ELAmin

My self

Fort Worth, TX

If you are a law abiding citizen, you should be able to openly carry a firearm, but one must still respect the rules about where we can carry that firearm.

Mari Vell, Mrs.

Self, Retired Teacher

Cross Roads, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

I believe that the U.S. Constitution guarantees that U.S. citizens have the God given right to protect themselves, their families, and their properties. Self-defense is one of the first laws of nature. I also believe in the original intent of our founding fathers that it is necessary for citizens to possess guns and be taught how to use them to preserve our liberty and prevent tyranny.

Linda Barnes, Mrs

Self - medical product assembly

Tool, TX

Don't believe the government has any right to tell you what firearm we can have or how we use, store or trade them. We have a constitutional right to have them to protect ourselves from foreign and DOMESTIC terrorists, and to feed our families if need be.

Damian Bunde, Lead Advocate for Veterans for the Preservation of Gun Rights

Self/As well as Defense Rights minded Veterans across the State of Texas

Rosenberg, TX

For too long the State of Texas has denied Texans the right to bear arms as enshrined in the US Constitution without a permission slip. The US Constitution does not put exceptions to the rights it protects Americans from in fact it specifically says to the contrary. When Texas joined the United States it knew it was to abide by the US Constitution and yet Texas added a caveat Un-Constitutionally to the State's Constitution that allowed the state to Un-Constitutionally infringe on the natural right of self defense. It is far past the time that this should have been remedied. I thank this Committee for finally taking this step forward.

For far too long law abiding Texans have had to ask permission to carry a self defense tool that they already legally own. We have heard countless stories of Americans and Texans senselessly murdered, raped, robbed etc. because they had to leave their defensive tool at home because their busy lives didn't leave them time or money to get the government's permission. Worse yet is the delay from DPS to get LTC approval. How many people have been murdered by significant others during this delay how many trial witnesses have been murdered during this delay when they know someone with revenge on their mind is coming for them? These events are senseless, tragic and many would have completely different outcomes if the victims were allowed to carry defensive tools such as firearms without having to ask permission and or wait.

We can change the tide of lawlessness. Constitutional Carry is one way we can. Criminals know they can get away with crime when they know where cameras are. Murderous Criminals, Rapists and Robbers are less apt to victimize someone if they know someone is carrying. With Constitutional Carry criminals have no clue when they may face a good guy or gal with a means of self defense. This makes criminals far more hesitant to victimize someone especially randomly. It can and will make criminals rethink their career choices.

Additionally LTC's are cost prohibitive for many groups. Your right to carry should never be limited because you don't have the money to carry the pistol you inherited or got with your tax returns cause your neighborhood is bad. Disabled and Disabled Veterans live on fixed incomes that are very cost prohibitive and shouldn't be punished for having to choose living expenses over a government permission slip to carry their means of defense. Especially when you swore to defend the Constitution that upholds that very right.

Now there will be some nay sayers that will say Advocates for Constitutional Carry just want Texas to be the Wild West and there is absolutely no data that backs that claim up in any State that has Constitutional Carry. They will say that we want criminals to be able to carry undeterred and the Bill here expressly only applies to those who legally can own a firearm. Criminals don't care about laws to begin with. The bottomline is we need our rights back!!!

Rhonda Denman, Retired Cop

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Requesting Support of the bill; Maintain our 2nd amendment rights for law abiding citizens who desire to protect self and family

Rhonda Denman, Mrs.

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Please support this bill! As a law abiding citizen, I should NOT need to beg for my constitutional right to carry a firearm as a means to protect me and my family!

Donna Halloran

Donna C Halloran, self retired

Prosper, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

J.L. Nolen

Self

Lubbock, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Gregory Hlad

self. Material Review Board Inspection

Azle, TX

I support Biederman's HB 1238, as it holds true to the original intent of the U.S. Constitution, allowing those who aren't prohibited persons to freely and fully exercise their Second Amendment rights. Having to register and pay a fee to exercise our right to carry a firearm for self defense is an unnecessary infringement on said right. We don't register and/or purchase a license to buy books or practice a religion, so law abiding citizens shouldn't be doing these things in the exercising of our Second Amendment liberties.

Nina Knight

None

Santa Fe, TX

Please pass this Bill

Mary Lunsford, Mrs.

Self. Retired Children's Minister

Chandler, TX

With the influx on our border of illegal aliens of whom many are gang members, Texans need to be able to protect themselves wherever they go.

Roy Fredrichsen
Citizens of Texas
Houston, TX

All Texans without a criminal history should be subject to the Second Amendment of The Constituion without restrictions.

Gabe Phillips
Self/ the constitution/ Texas
Weatherford, TX

Anyone who is legally able to carry a gun should be able to do so without a permit. Selling us our rights back should be against the law and anyone for it should be removed from office. It is a violation of the oath of office you took.

Mary Lunsford
Self. Retired Children's Minister
Chandler, TX

Texans are becoming more vulnerable to crimes due to the thousands of illegal aliens crossing our border with Mexico. Many are criminals and we need to be able to protect ourselves wherever we are.

Charles Dahl
self
GRUVER, TX

we should be able to carry a firearm without a special permint

William Ward
Self
Lockhart, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Roy & Vicki Peer, Mechanical Engineer retired/retired substitute teacher
self
San Antonio, TX

These are the Bills I support and am requesting to be made law:
HB 1238 by Biedermann

Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm.

HB 2900 by Hefner

Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm; making conforming changes.

Robert Williams, Mr

Self

Claude, TX

This should be approved

Jeff Dowdle, MR

self

Lavon, TX

The 2nd Amendment is the amendment that helps protect all the other bill of rights. It says we have a right to BEAR arms and that shall not be infringed. Thus constitutional carry is dictated by the 2nd Amendment.

Todd Barton

self Sr. Water Systems Technician

Fort Worth, TX

I would like to see the adoption of a state Constitutional Carry provision. This will have to work until a federal provision is made. I most likely will continue renewing my LTC as I want the flexibility to carry in other states but, I fully support Constitutional Carry.

Jerry Fletcher, U.S. Army Aviator

Self

LUBBOCK, TX, TX

Our Constitution's Second Amendment is NOT a living document open to interpretation by today's politicians and their administrative hacks!! Let it stand as is and leave it alone!!

William Mieke

Self and family

Argyle, TX

The right to self defense is a natural right predicated by our existence.

“A well regulated (equipped and trained) militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, The right of the people to keep (to have/own) and bare (to carry/have on oneself) arms (weapons of war, both offensive and defensive) shall not be infringed.”

Larry Malone

Self/contractor

Austin, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Daniel Benben

Self retired

Plano, TX

We need the right to have protection. I am 71 years old and would like to live my life with the freedom knowing I will not be a victim

Benjamin Ballard

This is Texas Freedom Force

Lewisville, TX

As a native Texan and legal U.S. citizen I want to voice my support for HB 1238. Every law abiding citizen should be able to carry a handgun without the permission of the government. This stands true just as it is written in The United States Constitution. We must uphold The U.S. Constitution for it is the backbone of this country. I ask you as well to support HB 1238 and support the Constitution.

Adam Ohler

self

Houston, TX

I'm respectfully asking that every Texas representative vote in support of Constitutional Carry and restore Texans right to carry and posses a firearm in accordance with their constitution right to self defense. All Texans and Americans have the god given right to carry a firearm and it's time the Texas legislature affirm that. Thank you!

Jonathan Cresse

Self

Vidor, TX

I support this bill.

mike wilmore

retired

Driftwood, TX

Back in the day, when the Texas legislature was considering reforming the licensing system for concealed carry, a lot of politicians were caught unawares. They had no idea Texans needed a permit to carry a firearm. They assumed carrying a gun was a citizen's birthright, which it is, protected by the U.S. Constitution, no less.

Texas is looking to join Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho (residents only), Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming (residents only). Constitutional carry makes it possible for all Americans to exercise their natural, civil and constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms, regardless of their income or education.
Carry Permits Are Unconstitutional!

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitutional states "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Requiring Americans to petition the government to exercise their right to keep and bear arms is as clear an infringement as requiring Americans to pass a literacy test to exercise their right to vote. Clearer even.

What other constitutionally protected right do Americans have to pay to exercise?

Steve Sadler

Self

Diana, TX

I am for this bill

Charles Kerr, Mr

Self

Houston, TX

Ive supported this for the last three legislative sessions.

Jerry Henry

SELF

ATHENS, TX

It is well past time that Texans receive one of the Basic Rights of Our Constitution. No other document or law is required for a Citizen to openly carry a firearm. Make it so in Texas!

Sean Kilbourn

Texas gun rights

Spring, TX

I support constitutional carry. It is our god given right of the people and we shouldnt have to ask permission to protect yourself or your loved ones. Criminals will have guns regardless of what legislature passes.

Rober Welch

self (final mile driver)

Rosharon, TX

I support this bill's passing into on account that it positively asserts an individual's freedom to exercise their constitutional right

to carry a firearm, rather than restricting it. This is certainly a positive step in the right direction, as all restrictions on the 2nd amendment are infringements that should be done away with.

Steward Pacheco

Self

Kyle, TX

We have an epidemic of crime here and now. It will get worse now that our borders are no longer as secure as the last administration acted on. The good people of Texas, hard working and predominately God fearing want a Texas, that is an example of constitutional rights as its history and example to the rest of the country has been proven time and time again. Good citizens with guns are not careless citizens with guns, as the criminal element with guns will choose any firearm of choice as a tool for crime, intimidation and more, without any regard to life, liberty, law and consequence. We must be able to defend our Family, Friends, Neighbors and when needed Peace Officers as a citizenship against those who would seek to destroy the unity and peace we have as a free republic. We can not continue to stick our hands in the lions cage whispering here Kitty Kitty and not expect a tragedy. Our Republic is at stake here. Leaders need to lead and managers need to leave office.

Thomas Foyt

TG & J Engineering

Hallettsville, TX

Dear Committee Hearing Members; With the US Congress, along with State and City governments wanting to and are at the present time de-funding Police Departments. DAs in large US cities not prosecuting gang members and known harden criminals and letting convicted criminals out of jails; WE as citizens can no longer rely on police to protect us .. police manpower is being cut back. As was recently told to me by my County Sheriff that I will be responsible for my own safety. Most police and Sheriff departments do not have the manpower to protect our county and city citizens. That is why we need state approved Constitutional carry. Thomas Foyt, Lavaca County, Texas.

Everardo Martinez

Self

San Benito, TX

Good day Sir

I am contacting you today in reference HB 1238. I GREATLY APPRECIATE you supporting Texans rights. Every law abiding Texan should have the ability to exercise that Right and protect Texas.

GOD Bless.

Robert Goates

self, software engineer

Webster, TX

I support the right of any law abiding Texan to own and carry firearms, including handguns, without any restrictions from the state.

Troy Buckhanan
Self / retired
Universal City, TX

I need to protect myself and my family. crime is out of control plus with open borders, we fear for our life and safety every time we leave out home.

Brett Logan
Self
Bastrop, TX

Check the facts

Chris Johnson
Self
Ben Wheeler, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Barbara Harless
self
Murphy, TX

Please pass HB 1238
Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Patsy Boatright
Self. Homemaker
Maryneal, TX

I support HB 1238. I should not have to have a permit or pay money for a right that I had long before I was born. Gun laws= gun confiscation.

Michael Patterson
Self/Retired
Aransas Pass, TX

I would like to voice my support for this bill, with the Bill of Rights being attacked on all fronts. I believe, it's time for Texas to join other Free states in allowing constitutional carry. Now with many Police departments being defunded, or being afraid to act, for fear of being branded as bigots, or worse. It falls on us, as citizens to take responsibility for the defence of our families, and ourselves.

Experience has taught me, there are no safe places, outside of those you can personally protect, even then it's a toss up. The police can not be everywhere, who also sadly, now find themselves to be targets also, Sad, but these are the times we live in. Good people will continue to be good people, and criminals will continue to prey on the weak, we need to be able to even up the odds, without the need for a government permission slip. Most people will continue to keep a weapon in their vehicle, unless they find themselves in a dangerous place, but must leave the safety of their car to work an unexpected night shift, or go to the store, because their kid is sick late at night, and now have to make a decision to obey the law, and put themselves at risk of attack, or carry, and put themselves at risk with the law. Both are bad places to be. While we do have a LTC available, most people put it off, because they don't believe they will need it, until they do, and then it's to late.

We should not have to live in fear for our safety, or out of fear of the State. Were supposed to be on the same side, working hand in hand, to keep Texas safe for its citizens. The criminal uses this division, to prey on us both. This should end now. With Washington working to strip people of their second amendment rights, we as Texans, can same no, that Texas stands, with the people, and Freedom.

Ed Chism

Self/Retired

Livingston, TX

I support the passage of HB1238. I believe that law abiding citizens have a Constitutional right to arm themselves. The second amendment to the constitution guarantees that. It is unfortunate that crime and guns have been lumped together and that some people believe that guns are the problem. I do not. I believe that with the passage of this bill, violent crime may actually go down. Law abiding citizens do not need to be regulated for something they haven't done. Please pass this bill to restore the people's right to responsibly exercise their God given right.

Thank You,

Ed Chism

Livingston, Texas

Nelda Swinney, Mrs

Self

Arp, TX

I urge you to vote HB 1238 out of committee! We as Texans should be allowed the right to Constitutional Carry as the 2nd Amendment states! Thank you for your time and service to the Great State of Texas!

Byron Schlather, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

self - university staff

College Station, TX

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States clearly states that the people have a right to keep (possess) and bear (carry) arms, and that right shall not be infringed. Nowhere in the amendment does it require that a person receive permission from the government in order to exercise that right. If government permission were required, it would no longer be a right; it would be a privilege granted by the government. The government does not grant the right--the right to self defense is fundamental and existed before the establishment of any government.

The majority of states in the United States have legalized some form of permitless carry for their citizens. Unfortunately, Texas does not--it is one of the few states where citizens, or perhaps I should call them subjects, must ask permission from the government and pay a fee to exercise a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. In this case, Texas is in lock-step with states such as New York, California, Maryland, Connecticut and Illinois. It is time for this government overreach to end.

I enthusiastically support passage of HB 1238, and I encourage you to do so, as well.

James Story

A citizen of the Great State of Texas

Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill and it

Is time for our great state to lead the country in 2 amendment rights. Law abiding citizens shouldn't have to pay to exercise a right.

Henry Bowling

Citizen of Texas

Port Neches, TX

I feel its my constitutional right to carry(bare) arms for the protection of my said self and family and friends in this great state of Texas.

Shannon Gilbreath

Self

Houston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Kirk Gilbreath

Self

Houston, TX

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Robbin Swann

NRA

Nacogdoches, TX

Please do not delay or impede this bill

Teresa Cleghorn, Regional Board Member

Texas Republican Liberty Caucus

San Antonio, TX

I, Teresa Cleghorn of San Antonio, House District 125, Senate District 26, offer this testimony on behalf of the Texas Republican

Liberty Caucus.

We support HB1238, the Bill that we think most clearly delineates the Constitutional Right to Carry.

We ask the committee to advance this Bill, and to vote to restore this right to the people of Texas that should never have been compromised. We believe that anyone legally able to purchase a handgun should not have to ask the state's permission to carry the weapon for their personal defense, the defense of their loved ones, and of their homes, businesses, or property.

We ask that you pass Constitutional Carry this session, before Texas cannot even be counted amongst the top 20 states that have restored a right taken away after the Civil War.

Members of the Texas RLC have consistently asked our elected representatives to right this wrong. We were told "there will be gunfights in the streets." With so many states to point to to prove that a falsehood, we'd most like to point to Vermont.

Vermont never took this right from its people, and we certainly do not hear of daily gunfights on its streets. Instead we hear of skyrocketing murder rates in Chicago, one of the most gun restricted places in the US.

Obviously laws do not deter criminals. None of the criminals care what laws about guns are passed. They are already breaking the law.

Anti-gun advocates from in and out of state are going to get up here and lie to you with their statistics. They are going to quote "gun violence" cases that include suicides and people killed because of their own criminal intentions who were stopped by law-abiding gun owners and peace officers. We are tired of being treated as idiots who should believe this propaganda.

We know the CDC study commissioned under the Obama administrations said guns save between half-a-million to three million lives each year. Guns save lives. They allow law-abiding Texans to stop the slaughter of innocents.

We accept a licensing procedure that will allow Texans to abide by the rules of the states that require a license for reciprocity, but requiring licensing for a Texan who can legally own or buy a weapon is a monetary hardship for families who already have to decide which bills to pay each month. Any law that offers unequal protection based on income status is not worthy of the great state of Texas. We oppose setting an additional barrier to meaningful gun ownership for poorer Texans.

The Texas Republican Liberty Caucus calls on all elected Texas representatives to restore the Constitution right to bear arms to the people of Texas. Please advance HB1238 and vote yes to it

Susan Frounfelter

Self, retired social worker

Live Oak, TX

Please support HB 1238. This critical bill ensures that honest Texans can protect themselves without government red tape or delay. The existing LTC law would not be repealed. Criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms would still be barred from carrying guns. The enforcement of any laws broken by criminals who misuse firearms would not be prevented. Please help Texas join other freedom loving states that have already instituted permitless carry. Thank you.

Leah Lee

Self

Bogata, TX

I support this bill because it is my constitutional right to own guns. I am a law abiding citizen who uses a gun for self and family

protection, and protection of my property; land, cattle, home.

Erik Yrjana

Self

Rainbow, TX

I am in support of the bill. We have a second amendment that gives us our right to own and protect our self this bill adds to confirming that right.

Stephen Taylor

N/A

Dallas, Texas, TX

Pass this legislation.

Michael Hollingsworth

self

Huntington, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Barbara Hollingsworth

self

Huntington, TX

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Jo Foley

Self N/A

Henderson, TX

I am In FAVOR of this bill. This is a true Constitutional Carry bill and it should have been law years ago. At the beginning of this session, 15 states already had Constitution Carry and 9 are considering this session. Texas should not be lagging behind on this matter. It is very important, now more than ever, that citizens are equipped and prepared to protect themselves. This bill says that a person that is legally allowed to carry a firearm and is 18 or over, would qualify. If a person can carry a weapon for the United States in war, they should be able to carry a weapon to protect themselves, their family and their property. I am asking you to vote YES on bill HB 1238.

James Dobbins

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San Leon, TX

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Allen Lieck

Self

Kendalia, TX

Please support this bill

Robert Allison

Texas

Blanco, TX

I urge you to support this bill and pass it out if committee. The citizens of Texas should not need a license or permission to exercise their constitutional rights. If the constitution is the supreme law of the land upon which you swore an oath to uphold and defend their is no reason not to support this bill.

June Hallman

self

Mesquite, TX

Pass HB1238 and 2900 because we Texans need to keep our 2nd Amendment rights and not have our communist, socialist government take our constitutional rights away from us as they continue to try to destroy our country

christopher malone

self/disabled

lubbock, TX

we the people abide by the Second Amendment. Any and all law abiding citizens should have the right to carry his/her firearm(s) based on the Constitution, also known as Constitutional Carry. However, non-law abiding citizens should not have the right to carry his/her firearm(s). Law abiding citizens should not have to worry about their families safety, or belongings because they cannot protect themselves. Pass Constitutional Carry for the sake of our Constitution, Liberty, and Preservation of our Freedom.

David Berleth

Self retired

Houston, TX

After 25 years of CHL, Jan 1996 until now, a permit was required to carry a handgun legally bought and carried by a law abiding Texas citizen. I think it is time to authorize Constitutional Carry to law abiding citizens for protection of their families and themselves, without government telling me I can.

I have carried for 24 years and really don't need a permit.

Jorge Pineda

Self

Irving, TX

I support this bill because not only does it enforce what the constitution already allows, but this bill will save more lives now that the average citizen will be able to protect themselves when they are going about their daily business

Allen Juvrud

Self

Arlington, TX

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." As we all know, this is the 2nd Amendment to our U.S. Constitution. As an American, I believe in it wholeheartedly, along with the belief that it isn't the government, but our Maker who gives us this unalienable right, a right that allows American citizens and Texan like you and myself to protect our families and others as necessary without having to ask for permission.

Eighteen states already have Constitutional Carry laws on the books, with Montana and Utah joining the ranks earlier this year. Even neighboring Oklahoma and Arkansas have Constitutional Carry as law of the land, yet law-abiding Texans are being forced to beg for government permission to protect themselves and their loved ones. Vermont has never a law for license to carry and it is ranked consistently as one of the safest states.

There is absolutely NO reason law-abiding Texans should have less freedom than neighboring states! We are often looked at as the leading state in our nation, but because of the current gun restrictions, other states are wondering, what has happened to Texas?

But as it stands, Texas is even trailing behind liberal Northeastern states like Maine and New Hampshire when it comes to Constitutional Carry.

This is simply UNACCEPTABLE.

I ask that you please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

Thank you.

Hector Blanco

self

EL PASO, TX

I ask the you please vote for this bill because it is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise and constitutional right to carry a handgun. Requiring a license to carry a handgun in public also hurts the poor and potential victims from their right to defend themselves against criminals. It does nothing to stop criminals with their intent of breaking the law. Also, states that have permit less carry have the lowest crime rates in the nation.

Larry Ralls

Self

Pantego, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Joshua Staiger

Self paramedic

Canton, TX

As a Native Texan I wanted to write you in order to tell you why I support constitutional carry or permit less carry of a firearm. First all as a father I believe it is my right and my responsibility to care for, provide for and have the ability to protect my children. Overall I believe that most people are good, honest and law abiding. That being said as a paramedic and former firefighter I have also seen first hand the devastation caused by a few evil people and what they are capable of. Evil unfortunately does exist. In my occupation I've encountered it (evil) and while I believe law enforcement strives to protect the innocent from violence they can be very far away if needed. I live in a rural county of Texas. Law enforcement is spread very thin. I have small children and I try to teach them responsibility. I was raised shooting. It is a hobby of mine and I believe it is my responsibility as a Texan to obey our laws. I recently traveled to AR with my kids. Prior to traveling I contacted the local police department in the city we were staying in and asked about their firearm laws. I was surprised to hear that Arkansas is an open carry state. I believe we should be to. To summarize I believe in our country, my state and overall both our state constitution and our American constitution. I wholeheartedly believe we have a right to protect ourselves as dictated by both of the very documents our country and our state was founded upon. I respect the service of our elected representatives and ask that you strongly support our rights as well. Make Texas proud.

Luther Azbill

Self Retired Mechanical Engineer

Seguin, TX

Except for a one day safety and training program, reasonably priced, there should not be any other requirement for a legal United States citizen, not other wise prohibited, to own and carry a firearm either open or concealed. Transportation between states should be open and unrestricted. The requirement to keep any firearm locked or disassembled or with the ammunition in a separate location must have been thought up by a criminal that had been on the business end of a weapon at one time or another. During a home invasion or assault, there are only a few seconds to react to the situation and act to protect home, family or self. There will always be unfortunate accidents, but reasonable, responsible firearm owners will usually take the required precautions required to keep away from unauthorized use without the threat of lawsuits or prison time. The firearm owner is not responsible for the actions of an unauthorized user no matter their age or mental capacity.

Elizabeth Griffin, Ms.

Self Retired

Splendora, TX

I am only 4'9" and I had my purse snatched by a man as I was coming out of Walmart. It Was a very life-changing event to say the least ! When the police went to arrest him, he pulled out his long knife. So if I had chased him , although I could not, because I just had my knee replaced, he could have killed me with the knife... So I need to be able to carry my handgun to protect myself!

Doug Graham

self

Alpine, TX

This bill simplifies current LTC requirements without weakening any of its proscriptions for criminal misuse of firearms. It will facilitate lawful citizens ability to protect themselves from criminals. Please support this bill.

Scotty Cole

Self

Mineral Wells, TX

Need this to happen..

Donnie Sims

self

Orange, TX

The Great State of Texas needs this bill to pass. This is a God given right.

Anthony Brangham

State resident

Robert Lee, TX

We support constitutional carry

Linda Brangham

Resident of coke county

Robert Lee, TX

I support constitutional carry .

Glenn Bryan

self, pipe fabrication

Blossom, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jacob Sager

Self electrician

Cuero, TX

For the hopes of seeing a safer Texas for everyone.

Stephanie Jezek, Mrs

Self

Athens, TX

With the overwhelming reality of the current federal administration trying to change the very fabric of our God-given constitutional rights, our great state MUST take action in regards to the 2nd amendment. Texas should be leading the charge in preserving our right to bear arms as our own history proves the necessity to be real. We must help our fellow Texans to easily access their greatest threat against tyranny or harm!

Lee Sweeten, Mr

-- please select a prefix --

Camp Wood, TX

I urge you to vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Don Mccollough

my self

deweyville, TX

we need this

John Ellinger

Self/ texas electrician

EDNA, TX

If a man or a woman, that is a lawbiding Texan citizen, should be able to carry open or concealed. But still take the hand gun corse. For knowledge and understanding the law.

John Anderson

Self

Sugar Land, TX

Please support this bill. John Anderson

Judy Kriegshauser

Self retired

Canyon, TX

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John Bush

Self/ Radiologic Technologist

POTTSBORO, TX

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MICHAEL VALDEZ

SELF

CYPRESS, TX

Hello, My name is Michael Valdez. I am a 3rd generation native Texan of 65 years. I have been carrying a firearm since I was 17 years old. Growing up in Houston subjected me to first hand experience of what it means to be able to protect myself along with my family and friends. At 6 years old I woke up one morning to witness a gun laying next to my mom in her bed. I was told that I slept through a break in the night before. An intruder had broke in through my sister's bedroom window which sent them scurrying to my mom's bedroom. If not for her having a gun to scare off the intruder things could have turned badly fast. My first job was working retail in a grocery store and as a young manager I experienced my first of many armed robberies. One of them was in the parking lot after closing that put two armed robbers in the back seat of my car with each of them pushing their guns to the back of my head. Thankfully at 19 year's old I was able to talk my way out of this very bad situation. I was so terrified of being killed from that experience and started carrying ever since. My point is that even with the strictest of laws the bad guys will always have guns and the innocent will always be at risk if the right to carry is not allowed in any way shape or form. I would rather be able to defend myself, my family and my friends by having my firearm at my side at all times without any limitations, regulations or taxing!

Bruce Hatherly

Self

Plano, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Charles W. Keys, Mr.

Self Semi-retired

Paris, TX

With no help from the Federal Government to secure our second amendment rights, the job now falls on state governments. The time has come for law abiding Texas citizens to carry handguns without asking for permission. The following is part of my article published in the Paris News on November 19, 2019. Please accept as my written testimony to you, your committee and Texas.

OK folks, listen up, these mass shooters, domestic terrorist, whatever you want to call them are not trying to take you prisoner or hostage, they are trying to kill you. We have to be able to respond in like action when we are caught up in one of these life or death situations. I have what some folks will say is a crazy idea. When we get shot at, we shoot back. I recall a saying that, "An armed society is a polite society".

The only new law that could be passed that would reduce the carnage quickly, would be the constitutional carry of handguns by law abiding citizens. Long guns are already legal to carry in most places. However, that's not very practical. Open carry of handguns should be legal also, but is a bad choice if it tips off the killers to who could turn their good day into a very bad day.

Doing nothing is not a choice, trying to sweet talk a killer is not a choice, throwing table-ware is not a choice, returning fire with your self-defense firearm is a choice. Non-gunners are going to argue that bystanders could get injured or killed, which is likely, but doing nothing has not been working very well. Arm yourself with knowledge that studies indicate firearms are used up to two million times a year for personal protection and the mere presence of a firearm without a shot being fired prevents crime in many instances. Last count, eighteen states have constitutional carry for law abiding citizens already, with many more very close. I am asking you, why Texas is not on the list?

Criminals could care less that more guns are outlawed or not. It seems reasonable to believe that the criminal element would like to see more gun control as fewer armed citizens would reduce their risk of being shot while performing their chosen profession.

The outlaw guns movement to ban firearms would undoubtedly invoke the law of unintended consequences. Evidence shows that in the long run, gun buyback programs backfire and result in more, not fewer guns. And many of the estimated 360 million guns in this country would be driven underground and end up in criminal hands. Explain to me how any sane person could desire that outcome.

It's not just that I care about my constitutional right to own a gun and protect my family. It's also that I question the motivation for trying to stop me from being able to do so.

Please for the sake of our great state of Texas and our Country, promote all of the pro Second amendment bills before you and just maybe some of that wisdom will have a positive effect on the rest of our Country.

Thank You

Violeta Donner, Mrs

Self

Montgomery, TX

I support this bill! No one has the right to limit the exercise of this right. It is has proven time and time again that the states who have this right has LESS crime!

Criminals aren't restricted , why should us law abiding citizens be restricted?!!!!

Mike Vinson

Self and friends and family

Haslet, TX

The 2nd Amendment should be all the permit I need to carry a firearm of any kind. God has given all Americans these rights, not government.

Keith Stone

Self - Business Development/Sales

Bulverde, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

John Reeves

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill.

Richard Patton
self/machinist
Arlington, TX

It's time politicians in Austin put an end to this disparity between long guns and handguns by passing true Constitutional Carry legislation!

John Michael Redus, Mr.
Self - Air Force Veteran
McKinney, TX

U. S. Constitution ... "... shall not be infringed." PERIOD! This goes for ALL arms, revolvers, semi-automatics, automatics, and assault style firearms. Weapons are not the enemy, the EVIL people employing them for evil use are, NOT law-abiding citizens.

earl sawyer, MR
self
Corsicana, TX

I believe we have the God given right to carry weapons for self denefense, especially a hand gun, without having to get permission from anyone, so long as a person has not done anything to give a government (which is established by God and the people for the people) a reason to think they are a danger to themselves or others. Please uphold our God given rights and do your duty honorably by allowing us to keep this right and not take it away (which shouldn't even be possible for non violent or otherwise unlawfull citizens). Thank you and may God bless you.

jeffrey jasper
self
McKinney, TX

help us protect ourselves...

Debra Haynes
Self & Texas Gun Rights
Weimar, TX

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John Chenoweth
Self, Retired
Spring Branch, TX

It is absolutely imperative that this bill should be passed. Of all places in the universe, Texas should have been the first to pass such a bill. This is a no brainer.

Lillian Neal

Self

Sweetwater, TX

Please vote yes on this bill. If we are legal to carry, we should be able to carry open or concealed. Thank you. Please support all Constitutional Carry bills.

Richard Powers

Self

Salado, TX

I support both of these bills. We should not have to pay for constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Paul Williams

Self - Engineer

Victoria, TX

I support this bill. Texas must recognize the right to carry a handgun without a license. Anyone 18 years or older who can legally possess a handgun should be able to carry it, open or concealed, without asking for permission. Constitutional Carry legislation would still maintain the LTC system as an option for those who would like an LTC (for gun purchase and reciprocity), and it would still prohibit handgun carry by people who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Dannie Boatright

dell computers service

Dawson, TX

My rights as a veteran

Steven Morris

Self

Grapevine, TX

We freeing citizens have the right to bear arms without government interference.

Jerry Mills

Self

Austin, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

sammy sanches, Mr

self

Vernon, TX

Vote Yes

Fred Lauckner

self

Houston, TX

As a US citizen and resident of Texas, I support this bill. The right to bear arms is guaranteed by the constitution, Texas Law should not prevent a person who legally possesses a firearm from exercising that right.

Criminals do not care about the law. Criminals do not follow the law. That is why they are criminals. Law abiding citizens should not be punished because of criminals.

Forcing law abiding citizens to be regulated, taxed and have their rights delayed is right.

Kendrick Baros

Self - Real Estate

La Vernia, TX

I support Constitutional Carry. I believe it is our God given right as law abiding citizens to protect ourselves and our families at all times and in all places. I never want to use a weapon such as a gun, but faced with a life threatening situation, I should be able to have that option. I believe that it gives someone (such as my wife) who is smaller or weaker than a criminal could be, the ability to even playing field and protect herself and my kids lives. There were no limits set out in the Constitution as to using a gun to protect a law abiding citizen. They knew that police/government aren't available to protect everyday citizens and that it would fall upon themselves to do so.

Fred Lauckner

self

Houston, TX

Updated comment.

As a US citizen and resident of Texas, I support this bill. The right to bear arms is guaranteed by the constitution, Texas Law should not prevent a person who legally possesses a firearm from exercising that right.

Criminals do not care about the law. Criminals do not follow the law. That is why they are criminals. Law abiding citizens should not be punished because of criminals.

Forcing law abiding citizens to be regulated, taxed and have their rights delayed is NOT right.

Ron Fillmore

Self

Centerville, TX

One should not need a permit to exercise a constitutionally protected right. Requiring a permit changes it from a right to a privilege granted at the pleasure of government.

Adela Ellis, Mrs.

self

Magnolia, TX

Please vote in the affirmative for this Bill.

Martha Stewart

Self - Retired

Claude, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

John Roskosky, Mr

Gunsdoneright, LLC

Angleton, TX

HB 1238 & HB2900 - I am against UNTRAINED Connotational) CARRY. We no longer live miles apart, there are too many people living in close proximity too one another for persons with NO SAFETY training (and there are many) to carry in public. I do believe in the carry but for the safety of millions of people we must train the people properly and safely. There are too many people living today who have never picked up a weapon, taken care of one, or fired one in practice to prepare shoot should the day accouri when it is needed for our families safety. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST CONSISTIONAL CARRY WITH NO TRAINING FIRST. .We license automobile driving (which kills and injuries many more each year weapons need to be also.. Thanks you!

TIM MILLER

NAGR

Terrell, TX

Get this done this year.

Marilyn Waters

Self, retired

Lake Jackson, TX

For

Kathleen Beu
Retired/self
Spring Branch, TX

My concern is the statement: "by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by s____ or FEDERAL LAW". Does this mean if the Fed is successful in their horrid overbearing laws, this bill will be overrun by the Feds?

Mark McMullen, Mr.
self / Ass't Manager
Houston, TX

Pass this bill and support the United States Constitution. Other states have similar laws without adverse consequences.

Penny Harlow, Mrs
Self
Flint, TX

We must guard our 2nd Amendment rights at all costs. I did it right, I took the class to obtain my LTOC. If we let this body of government take one small step closer to our God given right to bear arms, what's next. Like they say "If guns are outlawed, then only outlaws will have guns". Please consider what you are about to vote for. You are our representative!

Hani Ataya
self
Beaumont, TX

I support this.

David L Boucher
Self / Retired
Atlanta, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Eric Inman
Federal Law Enforcement Association (Retirees)
Ponder, TX

Adding "leave when asked to leave" provision to 1238 will make it better. This bill, and HB 2900 are the best worded for Texas.

Greg Stevens

2601 Web CT

Grand Prairie, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Raymond Coleman, CWO USMC Retired

Retired

Arlington, TX

I STRONGLY SUPPORT passage of this bill.

Greg Stevens

Self/Supervisor

Grand Prairie, TX

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William Moody

Self Retired

RANGER, TX

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Wesley McFarland

Self

Fort Davis, TX

I am in favor of HB 1238

Jeff Cheek

Self

El Paso, TX

I support and the great state of Texas should support this measure and enact it into law, further supporting the constitution on the United States. The constitution has been eroded enough to the point where local laws need to be passed in order to restore rights guaranteed by our founding documents. Restore the rights of all Texans

Barry McFarland

Self, VP Environmental Health and Safety

Spring, TX

Texas must recognize the right to carry a handgun without a license. Anyone 18 years or older who can legally possess a handgun should be able to carry that handgun both open and/or concealed, without asking for permission. Constitutional Carry legislation will still prohibit handgun carry by people who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Texans should not have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. Gun control began as a racist attempt to disarm freed black Americans in the south. Restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms today are still racist. As an upper middle-class family in Texas, I and my family can afford to take the required training class, find the time to locate a finger printing location and pay the fees for the prints and the license. What about that single mom living in the lower rent neighborhood, working two jobs to support her children? Or the minority community members that are struggling to make a living, learning English and trying to locate a bilingual training class or find time off to get printed and internet access to submit an application? These residents likely have a higher probability of needing a firearm for protection and the less ability to find the time and resources required by the state of Texas to carry a protective weapon. Restrictions are by their nature unequally enforced and unequally restrictive for lower-income citizens. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable. It is time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to “liberty and justice for all” by allowing handgun carry for all law-abiding citizens.

Each year, more states are dropping requirements for their citizens to obtain a license to carry a handgun. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves immediately. At the same time, it does nothing to stop criminals because they are already determined to break the law.

No criminal has ever said, “I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in.” But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun for protection are forced to wait for their permit.

History has shown that violent crime rates generally decrease within the five years after a state removes the restrictions on the right to carry. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho). Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety remains the same or improves.

Texas and Texans pride themselves on promoting freedom. Let us make that a reality.

Alan Rosenblum
Concerned citizen

Victoria, TX

Please pass the above bill to help protect our rights.

KENNETH CLEGHORN, Mr.
self

SAN ANTONIO, TX

My name is Kenneth L. Cleghorn, and I live in San Antonio. The month after I retired from the Army at Fort Hood, I started my second career as a Texas peace officer, and I have since retired from that profession. I have a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, and a Master of Criminal Justice Degree; and at the time of my second retirement, I held a Texas Master Peace Officer certification with more than 2,000 training hours on file.

I am in favor of unlicensed carry, and I support HB 1238 because I believe that any adult who can legally own a firearm should be allowed to carry it without paying the state for the privilege. This is particularly important for the poorer Texans who struggle

just to pay their bills without adding the burden of a licensing fee, the LTC course fee, miscellaneous fees like a photograph and fingerprinting, and buying qualification ammunition and a firearm that are almost impossible to find in today's market, and are prohibitively expensive when they are available. People who live from paycheck to paycheck are also more likely to live in low income areas and are more likely to be the victim of violent crimes, so they need to have the ability to defend themselves without additional costs..

During my careers, I learned that people need to be able to protect themselves because the police probably won't arrive in time to save you if your life is in danger, and that the only effective response to an armed assailant is a personal firearm. These observations are based on having been to a number of violent crime scenes after the victim had already been injured or even killed, scenes where potential victims were armed and were able to fend off their attacker; and in at least one occasion, I recall a victim who saved himself by using deadly force against his armed assailant.

I've trained for active shooter drills, but I've never responded to one in real life. However, I did work with people who responded to the Killeen Luby's massacre that occurred the year before I started as a Texas peace officer, and the stories they told were horrifying. I've also seen the crime scene video and read written accounts of the Luby's shooting, and one thing that sticks with me is that none of George Henard's 23 victims could have legally carried a firearm to protect themselves without risking an arrest. One of those victims decided that he needed to do something, despite being unarmed, so he rushed from cover to try to intervene but was shot and killed. His wife and daughter were trying to escape toward the rear of the restaurant at the time, but his wife turned back to stay with her husband and was executed at his side. The daughter, Suzanna Gratia Hupp, didn't have the handgun she sometimes illegally carried in her purse. Hupp went on to be elected as a Representative to the Texas House and was instrumental in changing carry laws.

We need to finish what she started and make self-protection available to all law-abiding Texans.

Clif Holland

Self retired

Mabank, TX

Please pass this bill out of committee to be considered by the House.

Erwin Kretzschmar

Self

May, TX

please pass without any changes and advise mw as to the status.

Jack Hinkle

Self

Luling, TX

Pass it

Eduardo Govea

Self, Retired Military and Militay

Spring, TX

I fully support this bill and urged the state legislator to pass.

Wesley Virdell

Self - Entrepreneur

Brady, TX

I support this bill. Free men don't ask permission to participate in a right. That would be a privilege and not a right if you have to ask.

David Verbeke

Self

Willis, TX

It's just plain unconstitutional for state officials to be able to regulate one of our constitutional rights (The second amendment) by fee, permits or any other means. We do not regulate freedom of speech or religion so why the second??? Please fix this misguided practice and return ALL our rights promised by the constitution of the United States of America. Thank you

Kevin Gold

Self - Programmer

FREDERICKSBRG, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Zakare Waddell

Self, Production Manager

Bonham, TX

Ladies and Gentlemen of the legislature, thank you for hearing/reading this. Originally, I was going to give you a long speech, tell you a personal story, the whole 9 yards. If you want to read that, write me, I'd be happy to mail you a copy. Let's cut to the chase.

The poll tax was invented to keep blacks from voting, even after their right to vote was legally recognized. That was recognized as unconstitutional, as it denied the entire lower class their right to vote, and was shot down.

The Supreme Court, in *Murdock v Pennsylvania*, ruled that the taxation of a right is unconstitutional, as it turns that right into a privilege. This was in regards to the sale of religious articles, but you can see how that would affect the right to keep and bear arms. Namely, both the sales tax and the permit tax are unconstitutional, as they turn the right into a privilege.

We stand here today with the opportunity to eliminate a poison eating away at the roots of our freedom. We should no longer tolerate the unconstitutional, morally repulsive, and tyrannical system that has been forced upon us.

Constitutional Carry is the first step to securing the freedoms the entire world is trying to take from us. We are Texas. We are Freedom. Pass Constitutional Carry. Thank you.

David Russell

self - logistics broker

Katy, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

C. B. Hopkins

self

Fredericksburg, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Ricco Ramos

Self, Real Estate Investor

Houston, TX

I strongly support this bill. The long process of an LTC is a potentially dangerous hoop someone would have to go through in order to carry the firearm he or she just purchased legally. Law abiding Texans should be able to carry his or her firearm. Crime is on the rise. Now is the time to abide by the 2nd Amendment.

Thank you.

Mitchell Crews

Self, QA Engineer

Plano, TX

Putting the rights of citizens behind a paywall, no matter the right, makes it no longer a right but a privilege for those of greater means. Requiring citizens to pay for a License to Carry is an unfair and unjust system that is a direct infringement on the rights of Americans to keep and bear arms.

Jack Seal

self engineer

Trophy Club, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Christopher Klimpt

Self

Alvin, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Dennis Childress

Self

Grapeland, TX

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Richard Teague

self

Alvarado, TX

I am for constitutional carry by law abiding Texans.

Matthew Pappas

Self

Lewisville, TX

I support this bill. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution protects and preserves the individual right to own and possess a firearm. This bill allows those who have passed the NICS protocols for owning a firearm to carry it with them on their person and not limit its possession to their home and car. I agree with the age requirement as well as using existing signage on businesses who wish to prohibit their patrons carriage. I do believe any patron who is asked to leave a business based on carriage where signage was posted should be allowed to do so without legal repercussions so long as they do it peaceably. LTC regulations are unnecessary as they seek to redundantly verify those legal gun owners who have already been verified. They have a greater impact on the rural and poor due to location and the monetary and time component required. They are simply an opportunity to further tax the citizens. Also, there has been a correlation between the adoption of Constitutional Carry and the reduction in violent crime. This is a bill Texans have wanted for a while and the time has come to join with the more than 20 other states who have Constitutional carry. I thank you for your time in this matter.

Karl Beck

Self - Engineer

Tomball, TX

Forcing our citizens to ask the government for permission to exercise a constitutional right reduces its status to a privilege, and then making us pay for it adds insult to injury. Please approve this bill and repeal legislation that infringes on the second amendment.

Jason Swadick

Self. Engineer

Helotes, TX

This seems like a reasonable step forward to reduce government interference into constitutional rights already granted to us and provides comminization with long guns.

Ronnie Vaughn

Self, Construction Supervisor.

Hearne, TX

I urge our Texas Lawmakers to please consider this Bill.

Nancy Dore, Mrs.

Self

Palestine, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Gootee

Self machinist

Springtown, TX

I would hope y'all would please consider passing this bill and join other 18 states that have similar bills already passed.

Roy Peer

self

San Antonio, TX

One can already openly carry a long gun (shotgun or rifle) in Texas without a permit. So not being able to carry a hand gun openly or concealed without a permit is really just nonsensical. Please make Texas a true 2nd Amendment State as intended by the framers of our Constitution. The idea that law abiding citizens would be placed at the mercy and disadvantage to non-law abiding citizens is simply wrong. Please correct this injustice.

Vicki Peer

self

San Antonio, TX

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JOEL MCGREGOR

JOEL'S PLACE

NORTHLAKE, TX

Please eliminate all gun control laws. They are a 2nd amendment violation.

David Boucher

Self Retired

Queen City, TX

Please vote for TRUE constitutional carry House Bills 1238 and HB2900 Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Noel Grimmett, Mr.

self

Bowie, TX

This is LONG overdue.

Gary Pierce

Sr

Katy, TX

I am totally opposed to constitutional carrying of handguns without proper handgun training and licensing. At least when you get a license you had to pass a basic handgun qualification . As an instructor I see a lot of students trying to get a license to carry and they can't even load the gun. Now you want to let the whole damn world carry without any training . Are you just stupid or what? I vote no.

RANDY FARROW

SELF

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Constitutional Carry should be allowed in the state of Texas based on our 2nd amendment.

Johnnie Grimmett, Mrs.

self

Bowie, TX

I support this bill 100%.

Anthony Listi

self, Data Analyst

Allen, TX

I support this bill. Any benefits from the current concealed carry law are far outweighed by the many infringements on the right to self-defense.

Todd Miller

Self

Richmond, TX

I support to Bill even with having an LTC for over a decade.

Charles Caldwell

Charles Caldwell

Gilmer, TX

I support this bill and believe that the US constitution already gives me the right to keep and bear arms.

Randy Whisenhunt, Mr

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Support HB 1238 it time to allow law abiding citizens the right to carry gun openly or concealed to use to defend themselves and family members.

Thomas Bottomly

Self

Harlingen, TX

Please support this legislation.

Lynn Clark

Self

Dallas, TX

I support HB 1238. I have had a CCL since the program began and do not intend to give up the license as it is useful in reciprocity with other states. However, as a native Texas I believe anyone who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law should be able to arm themselves for self-protection without the necessity of securing a CCL.

Respects,

Y. Lynn Clark

Mary Paley

self

Cedar Hill, TX

I fully support permitless carry for lawful gun owners age 18+, and advocate for no distinctions between LTC and permitless carry. The safety of my family and my community will be significantly increased by the passage of this bill and underscore the importance of self-defense in this environment of increased crime and violence.

JoAnn Hope

Self

Blue Ridge, TX

I have read this bill and fully support it. Please work to pass this into law

Stan Reed

Self

Melissa, TX

I urge passage of this bill.

Rosetta Shrewsbury

Myself

Garland, TX

It is our constitutional right to carry a firearm without government interference. We should not have to be tested or registered to carry a firearm whether concealed or open carry.

Yvette Whitesides

Self

Colorado City, TX

Hello, my name is Yvette W. and I am writing to register my support of the Constitutional Carry Bills being heard by the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee on Thursday. I support Constitutional Carry because it is my God given right to protect my family, myself and my property.

Eddie raig

Self

Austin, TX

Fully support HB-1238 and HB-2900 for FINALLY recognizing and protecting the People's right to FULL constitutional carry of arms WITHOUT any kind or form of governmental infringement. It is a sad admission that our representatives have FAILED US for DECADES in the performance of their constitutional duties and to protect the rights of the People of Texas to the point that such a vote was EVER required in the first place. Constitutional carry should have ALWAYS existed in Texas and ANYONE in government that fought or acted to deny that right to the People should have been immediately charged and prosecuted for SEDITION.

Gary Franklin

Self

Lubbock, TX

I am a veteran who has firearm training, I think every law abiding citizen should have the right to carry a firearm to protect himself and family without paying a fee. Thanks for your consideration!

frank kintz

Self

denison, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

John Barton

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill for the simple fact that the 2nd Amendment "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." guarantees all law abiding citizens this right. As the saying goes "when seconds count, police are minutes away"

Andra Haney

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

I support this bill because Texans should have the right to carry a handgun, particularly if they are not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm. In these uncertain times, Texans should definitely have the right to defend and protect themselves. Furthermore, laws against constitutional carry were part of Jim Crow laws which should be in our past.

Bobbie Williams

Self

Celina, TX

Years ago we did not have permits, and I think we do not need one now for anyone that is legal to carry a firearm

Kathy Franklin

Self

Lubbock, TX

I think it is every law abiding Texas's right to carry a firearm to protect them self and family. Thanks for our time and consideration.

Bruce Wiswell

self, Retired Federal Engineer

McKinney, TX

This bill is supported by my complete family. The law should not require someone to obtain a permission slip to prepare himself for self defense. If a person can legally buy a firearm, he should be able to carry it in public.

Jake Collier

Gun Owners of America

Wichita Falls, TX

HB 1238 is as common sense law as it gets. It's a very simple and clear bill (for once) and it deserves passage. If we are going to remain in line with the Constitution this bill is a no-brainer. There's no need for us to cower to the culture of the federal government and bureaucrats that have never even held a gun. I genuinely believe Texas has been a beacon of hope for this generation from a cultural standpoint as well as a Constitutional standpoint, particularly during these last few political seasons, and we need to carry that torch and make it brighter than ever. Our history as Texans has been to fight against oppression and overarching government until the very end, often very passionately, and as long as we uphold that culture with the dignity and respect that comes with it, we'll help strengthen the guts of the rest of our country to fight for their own 2nd Amendment rights against a belligerent federal, state, or local government. "Texas is doing it and it worked" should and always be a more common statement.

James Fort, Mr.

Self, electrical engineer

Plano, TX

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I respectfully urge you all to support Rep. Biedermann's bill to establish constitutional carry. The police/god state is growing worse with every year, and the criminal elements haven't been taking a vacation either. This bill represents a strike against all of those threats.

Texas used to be one of the nation's leaders in terms of opposing statism. But Texas is definitely behind the curve on passing constitutional carry legislation. Even Kansas has constitutional carry.

Since the late 1990s, I have been a CHL holder. Since January 1, 2016, I have been open carrying.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Fort

Michael A Sherrill, Mr

Self Retired

Garland, TX

Am a born Texan, a vet, retired, and I believe in the right to carry without a license.

Jackson Branstetter

Self Real Estate

Frisco, TX

I support this bill. Women should be able to carry guns in their purses because sex trafficking is at all time high. I personally have had someone break into my land and was firing shots and I had no idea who they were, cops showed 30 minutes later and that whole time if I didn't have my guns I may have been killed. I had a friend a while ago getting mugged outside the mall by a

couple random guys and if he had a gun he may prevented that.

Lisa Kiphen

Self

Gatesville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Howard Hancock

Self, Photographer

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill to eliminate the State's requirement of a "license" to carry a firearm by those legally allowed to.

Clifton Smith, Mr

Personal

Tomball, TX

I make plea that HB1238 be passed and made as law. I am a law abiding citizen in the state of Texas. Rarely I feel the need to carry a firearm but sometimes in my travels I feel more comfortable having my pistol. That being said I will pack my firearm just to have piece of mind. What concerns me by that action I am in essence a criminal. Just because I don't get a concealed license I'm a criminal?

As a veteran, retired electrician, and a law abiding Texan I should be allowed to carry my firearms without fear of repercussions.

Ginger Moody

Self

Streetman, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL! All good citizens should have the unabridged right to protect ourselves.

David Paley

Self

Cedar Hill, TX

I fully support permitless carry for lawful gun owners age 18+, and advocate for no distinctions between LTC and permitless carry. The safety of my family and my community will be significantly increased by the passage of this bill and underscore the importance of self-defense in this environment of increased crime and violence.

Wesley Reed, Mr.

Self

Corinth, TX

As a constituent, I ask you to pass House Bills 1238, permitless carry legislation that allows law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun without a state-issued License To Carry (LTC).

These critical bills ensure that honest Texans can protect themselves without government red tape or delay. The existing LTC law would not be repealed. Criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms would still be barred from carrying guns. The enforcement of any laws broken by criminals who misuse firearms would not be prevented.

Thank you for your time, and I ask again, that you please support House Bills 1238.

Norman Polly

Self

Houston, TX

Pass this Bill

Stephen Ellis

Self, student interning as a software developer

Magnolia, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jonathan Johnston

Self

Conroe, TX

The 2nd Amendment is the only way a United States citizen can protect all other freedoms such as Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It shall NOT be infringed.

I am an honest tax paying resident of the great state of Texas for over 50 years. God bless Texas!

John Hoyle

self

San Antonio, TX

I urge the passing of this bill for the continued freedom of all Texans to be able to carry a fire arm without a license or be harrassed by ignorant people, who do not understand the purpose of the 2nd Amendment rights, that ALL Americans have.

Robert Whittaker

Self

Georgetown, TX

With our current President and Congress working to restrict our 2nd Amendment rights it is important for the Texas legislature to

maintain our sovereign rights to protect our families, our friends and ourselves from the masses of illegal immigrants pouring across our borders. Included in those crossing our borders are criminals fleeing their own countries for crimes that they have committed. It is important that Texas stand up to President Biden and Congress to let them know that Texas will not bend to their will to disarm us.

Nathan Alvare

Self

Cedar Park, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Jeffrey Bingham

American Airlines

Lewisville, TX

To the Committee,

I would like to express my support of HB-1238.

Requiring Americans to petition the government to exercise their right to keep and bear arms is as clear an infringement as requiring Americans to pass a literacy test to exercise their right to vote. What other constitutionally protected right do Americans have to pay to exercise? The right to free speech? The right to religious freedom? To which: Carry Permits Are Unconstitutional! Constitutional carry makes it possible for all Americans to exercise their natural, civil and constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms, regardless of their income or education.

We now have now many years of experience with states and constitutional carry. Nothing has happened that would suggest or indicate that allowing citizens to carry concealed even without a permit or training, has a negative outcome on public safety. This "track record" is the greatest supporting data in more constitutional carry legislation.

David Pounds, Mr.

none

Goliad, TX

Please support this bill.

Christopher Torres

Self, Wine Sales

Dallas, TX

I live in Texas for One Reason. It is the greatest State in the Union, but what makes it the greatest is several reasons. It's vast history for always being up to the challenge to do what is right in the Eyes of God and for the people. It is in this that We as Texans will be the Last Line of Defense for our Beloved United States of America. We cannot be the last line. We must be the First! We must be the example to all in protection of our Constitution! We must show how it is done. We must not be the Alamo all over again! We must take this fight and push forward for our Freedoms as Texans and most importantly... Americans! We are the Leaders of this great Country and We the People need Texas to be the defining moment in which our Constitution was not taken from us because We stood in the way of Tyranny! If we do not fight this fight in the right way and legally, this State of ours will have many many Martyrs in the name of God and Freedom. Let's get it done the right way so that the rest of these States will follow! God Bless all of you, God Bless Texas and God Bless the United States of America!

Von Long, Mr.

self / retired

Katy, TX

I am writing in support of H.B. 1238. This bill expands the rights to carry for legal firearms owners without requiring a permit. It is currently unacceptable that Texans must ask government permission to exercise a right guaranteed in the Constitution. A majority of states currently do not require a license to carry a handgun in some form, with lawmakers in both Tennessee and Iowa passing bills last week which will allow permitless carry. Requiring a permit does not prevent criminals from performing their illegal deeds. It only hinders law abiding citizens and potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. Therefore, I ask the committee to support this bill.

Gary Sanders, Mr.

Self

Haltom City, TX

I am a licensed handgun carrier and a life member of the NRA. However, I oppose 'constitutional carry' of handguns. Individuals need to be vetted before being allowed to carry a handgun. Classes also communicate how much trouble can come from playing 'cowboy' and the misuse of a weapon.

randall jordan

self engineer retired

hemphill, TX

I support this bill

Tyler Fulkerson

self cybersecurity

San Antonio, TX

Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law. Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves.

Jim Baxa

Self

Lubbock, TX

I support this bill as it restores liberty. I support any Constitutional carry bill, but I chose to send comments on this one because it is the most far reaching.

randall jordan

self retired engineer

hemphill, TX

i support this bill

Warren FitzSimon

Self

Floresville, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238 with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Matthew Lee

Self--Archivist

Iola, TX

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I respectfully urge you all to support Rep. Biedermann's bill to establish constitutional carry. The police/god state is growing worse with every year, and the criminal elements haven't been taking a vacation either. This bill represents a strike against all of those threats.

Texas used to be one of the nation's leaders in terms of opposing statism. But Texas is definitely behind the curve on passing constitutional carry legislation. Even Kansas has constitutional carry.

Since the late 1990s, I have been a CHL holder. Since January 1, 2016, I have been open carrying.

Thank you for your time.

Joanne Castleberry

GOA

Nacogdoches, TX

Being a single mom of 4, I support this bill.

Becky Brown

Self

Irving, TX

I fully support this bill.. Texas should be given our full constitutional rights as written in the constitution..

Michael Jesse

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support this bill due to the reason of being able to possess, carry, transporting, or storing a firearm without having to worry about the ramifications or consequences of not meeting a specific statute that has been given or governed. As a law abiding

citizen, it is my sole responsibility to maintain and enforce my safety and the safety of my family, not the government.

Gabriel Gaitan, Mr.

Self, SHSU Graduate student

Huntsville, TX

Greetings,

I am Gabriel Gaitan, a graduate student at Sam Houston State University specializing in Homeland Security Studies. Today, as your constituent, I fully support this bill, HB 1238, it is now time that the 2nd Amendment must be protected in Texas from tyranny (foreign or domestic) and to defend families from the criminal elements, as well as to protect our right of self defense against said criminals. I look forward to see this bill to become law effective immediately. Thank you for your time and I await your response.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Gaitan

Kevin Pierce

Self

Allen, TX

I support this bill as I am a Texas CHL holder.

FORREST PARKER, Sherman

Self

Sherman, TX

I do not need the government's permission to exercise any right. Why is the Second Amendment the only exception? That's why we call it Constitutional Carry.

Anthony Ard

Self

Austin, TX

Ladies and Gentlemen of the committee,

I'm writing you today to urge you to support HB 1238. The Right to Bear Arms is enshrined in both the US Constitution and the Constitution of the Great State of Texas. Requiring a government permission slip to exercise this God given right, does not reduce crime.

Nineteen other states have already passed Constitutional carry. None have experienced the prophesied blood baths that the radical left always says will happen. In fact, they have the lowest violent crime stats in the nation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Anthony Ard

Todd Stoneking
Self IT Manager
Wylie, TX

I support this bill. As a retired Air Force veteran, I believe I have a right under the Second Amendment to legally carry a firearm to protect myself and my family without a permit.

William T. McCabe
Self
Frisco, TX

I support this bill.

FRANK DIPIETRA, Mr.
self
Mesquite, TX

I fully support the Constitution and the 2a. I urge all involved to vote for and pass Constitutional carry and to make texas a 2a sanctuary state. it is my opinion that a commuity that is armed is a safer community.

Bobby Davison
Self rancher/farmer/ self employed
Imperial, TX

First thank you for supporting this bill it is what Texans want, it is our inalienable right and should not be infringed. In the world we live in now my family and friends are afraid of all the illegals entering our state at the borders, we need and have the ability under the 2nd amendment to protect our land, property, families and lives without the people we elected to protect the constitution and our rights. Remember WE the people are rightful masters of congress and courts not to overthrow the constitution but to overthrow the (men) who pervert the constitution. Infringement of the 2nd amendment is a perversion to the constitution. We the people are insisting and demanding CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY TEXAS..THANKS from a lifetime Texar

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Paula Mabe
GOA/ Self
North Richland Hills, TX

I support Constitutional Carry. Arguments that it will be blood in the streets, etc. Are not valid. These are the same comments that were made about passing LTC. That proved to drive crime down, not up, exactly as we knew it would. Honest, law-abiding Texans are impacted by the laws. Criminals are not. They already ignore them. As a woman, carrying a firearm is an equalizer for me to be able to defend myself. I've carried for years and should be able to do so, inherently without the need of a license or bureaucracy to be able to do so.

Duy Tran

Self

Richmond, TX

I support this bill for Texas Constitutional Carry. Every person who can legally own a gun should not need permission to carry.

Todd Durham

Citizens

KATY, TX

I support this bill.

Martha Lyons

GOA/ Self

Georgetown, TX

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James Larson

Self

Sherman, TX

I support this bill. It my right. It will make us safer.

Ethan McDonald

self

Friendswood, TX

I support this bill.

Michael Nichols

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please support our rights to carry thank you

Levi Buck

self

Watauga, TX

I support HB 1238. If you can legally possess a firearm, you should legally be allowed to carry one on your person wherever you go. Many people can't afford to jump through the state's hoops to attain an LTC and that simple fact deprives them of their God-given right to self defense. Thank you for your time.

Robert Boyd

Boyd Engineering

Athens, TX

We must lead the way in Texas for all gun rights. If the 2nd Amendment is hampered or falls we will lose our country to the progressive socialist left.

Brent Williams

Self

Ft. Worth, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional carry is our right and needs to be protected. We the people have the right to protect ourselves at all times and laws and police can not and will not be there to do this at all times.

VIRGIL CHRISTOFFER

Self - Electrical Engineer

Frisco, TX

I firmly support this Constitutional Carry bill that will allow those who can legally possess a handgun to carry it without a permit which is NOT required by the U.S. Constitution. We the people are allowed to bear arms and our 2A rights "shall not be infringed" by man since these rights are given to us by God. Licenses, permits and registrations are an infringement and should never be allowed or required. Thank you.

Jonathan Schroeder

Self

Beeville, TX

I support this bill for constitutional carry in Texas. It's a right that you should be able to exercise and would prevent a lot of crime.

Shawn McAlpine, Mr

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please pass the Bill I have selected and the other three bills. Being a retired LEO I believe in our second amendment right to carry our firearms without requiring a license. Firearms do make our society safer. Criminals will think twice before they rob a person carrying a weapon if that person is carrying a weapon. Our rights will not be infringed upon by our government. Thanks.

Chad Ladner, Sr.

Self

Huntsville, TX

I support my right to carry and protect my family. The truth is good people protect their family and criminals don't. I expect you to represent me and my family who live in Texas all our life's. Texas has always been a leader for the rest of America. Vote for this bill, please.....

Stephen Fort

self, software engineer

The Colony, TX

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of HB 1238 by Biedermann (Constitutional Carry). A growing number of states (just passed the Iowa Senate today) are recognizing the fundamental right of citizens to carry firearms for self-defense without gov't permission, under the 2nd Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Texas has a reputation as a freedom state, but the longer we wait on this, the more false that reputation appears. Are we conquered territory, or are we a state of free men? Constitutional Carry ("permitless carry") has been implemented in multiple states with little or no issues. Please support HB 1238.

Thank you,

Stephen Fort

Terry Bowers

Self

Huntington, TX

I support constitutional carry. Please support this bill.

Fred Dougherty

Self

GEORGETOWN, TX

I strongly support any bill that reaffirms the freedoms guaranteed in our U.S. Constitution.

Ruth Cremin

Self Retired

Hunt, TX

I should not need to ask permission or pay a fee to posses and carry my legal firearm in the State of Texas. The United States Constitution guarantees my right to Bear Arms. Some Texans live in rural areas and there are no police forces at the ready when an intruder comes onto my property with evil intent or into my home or my vehicle. Now that we have no sovereign southern border people with very different ideas about value of life are being embraced by the "government" . I am much like a pioneer woman in the early years of the growth of our country. It would not have occurred to the elected officials to decide to disarm the populace.

I am thinking that some elected officials have outlived their usefulness. They appear to see themselves as a sort of Royal personage who feels the need to keep the voters in their proper peasant posture. They will, hopefully, be very surprised at the next election results. We the People have had it with lies and promises and sneaky unethical machinations. We listen to the campaign promises, work for them, donate money and encourage their election to be forgotten and ignored right after their coronation. No more!

Lloyd Timmons

Self

Venus, TX

I am in full support of this bill and think Constitutional Carry should have been approved years ago. Texas is continuing to fall behind in letting its citizens exercise their constitutional rights.

jacob wang

Self

Richardson, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kenneth Mathis

Big T's Q, Big T's Services

Granbury, TX

Yes, time has come for the 2nd Amendment to be actually followed!

Paul Chambers, Mr

Self

Georgetown, TX

There should be no restrictions placed on a person who is legally allowed to purchase a firearm with regards to carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing a firearm.

Chris Douthit

self - Internal Auditor

Dallas, TX

I support this bill because there are millions of people in the great state of Texas who would benefit. Firearms licensing does nothing to prevent criminals from violating the law, and this bill would make it easier for law-abiding Texans to protect themselves by removing the unnecessary obstacles and bureaucracy that restrict the exercise of their God-given and Constitutional Rights.

James Hodnett

self, Texas Army National Guard

KILLEEN, TX

As a Texan and as an American I 100% stand behind this bill. Vote yes on HB1238!!

Aaron Pitts

self

Pflugerville, TX

I support this bill and as a representative you should as well. The fact that I have to tell the government to stop treading on my guaranteed rights is concerning. I support this bill because a) It is my right, b) We are safer with an armed society against threats both foreign and domestic, and c) Criminals DO NOT care whether they are legally allowed to carry. They just do and could care less what you are I think. Pass this bill.

Andrea Moore

self

San Antonio, TX

HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900 all should be passed.

Todd Hansen

Self Retired

Houston, TX

Second amendment is not a second class right, and should not be limited or regulated more than any other right

Raymond Wall

Myself

AUSTIN, TX

Protecting the 2nd Amendment starts with our right to carry.

Xavier Xayyaraj

Self / construction

Irving, TX

I support constitutional carry because I can not depend on the government or police to protect my family and I in any event. It's better to be an armed law abiding citizen than it is to be a good witness any day.

Srdan Ciric

self

Austin, TX

I support this bill.

Constitutional carry means FREEDOM. Coming from former communistic country this right were given only to few. This goes against my right to take care of myself and my family!

Thomas Dillard

Self Retired

San Benito, TX

Please support this bill.Thank You

Bojan Bogovac

Myself

Austin, TX

I support constitutional carry.

Our right to bear arms should not be infringed by jumping through loops of government bureaucracy.

I've applied for LTC more then two months ago and I'm still waiting for approval.

Richard Stewart, Mr

Self

San Marcos, TX

HB1238. Concealed Carry is a constitutional right that must be maintained in not only Texas but all the U.S.A.

Dennis Knie

self

Houston, TX

I completely agree that the citizens of Texas should be allowed to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights. The 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States affirms everyones right to Keep and Bear Arms. This right is not designated to a specific area or rules from politicians. Texas needs to join the other states and enforce Constitutional Carry in this state. I will vote against any politician that tries to restrict peoples rights.

Chris Duncan

Self

Austin, TX

I support ConCarry and it is time for Texas to take its place among pro-gun states in trusting its citizens to protect themselves and practice their Second Amendment rights. There are 18 other states with ConCarry already and Texas is falling behind the pack. Let's lead the way once again.

James Gallegos

self

Fort Worth, TX

Texas should have right to carry due to the writing in the Second Amendment. It is our right to protect ourselves by any means necessary.

Curtis Campbell

Self

Whitney, TX

I'm a US army veteran living in Whitney Texas and I want all the members of the House to support and sign this bill for constitutional carry in the state. I've lived in this state my entire life other than during my military service and it is beyond time for Texas to be a constitutional carry state. With the state the country in the world is in now more than ever it is vitally important for the people of this state regardless of financial situation to be able to carry a firearm to protect themselves and their loved ones. I work for a city wastewater treatment plant I work midnight shift I work 5 to 6 days a week plus working overtime I'm supporting a family as the only person working at the moment and I don't have time to take off to get a license to carry I don't have the money to spend to get a license to carry and because of that I'm unable to carry it protect myself and my family. This bill would change that for me and for a lot of Texans that just can't take the time off that's why I want the house to support this and sign this bill and make people like myself able to carry to protect myself and to protect others when the need arises. Thank you.

Johnie Christ

Self Vice President-Finance

Lago Vista, TX

We need constitutional carry in Texas.

Bryan Silverio

Self, Law Enforcement.

McAllen, TX

I support HB 1238, 1911, 1927, & 2900. American citizens should not need permission from the government to practice their God-given rights. Requiring a tax/fee, license, and registration to carry a gun whether open or concealed is an infringement on the Second Amendment.

Anjelica Murray

Self

Cedar Park, TX

I support any bill that would enact constitutional carry. I urge you to please pass this bill so we citizens can practice our constitutional right to keep and bear arms without infringement. Thank you.

Chris Kelley

Self

Missouri City, TX

I support this bill because I support permitless carry for lawful firearm owner's eighteen years of age or older.

James Britton

Self

Greenville, TX

I firmly believe we have a constitutional right to carry firearms without permission from our state leaders. Let's get back to what our founding fathers wanted and intended. Thanks James

Ricardo Mendez

Self

Katy, TX

I support this bill . This bill helps make Texas safer against violent crimes. Helps the rights of all individuals of Texas

Colin Snider

Self (self employed)

Dallas, TX

I support this bill. Our second amendment rights shall not be infringed.

nikki radosevich

self

Crowell, TX

I support this bill. I believe it's our constitutional right

Dennis Gore, Mr.

N/A

Temple, TX

Please vote for the right too carry !

Thomas Diorio

Self

ROUND ROCK, TX 78665, TX

We as persons by God given right have a duty and responsibility to protect ourselves, our family and possessions as well as aid those in distress when necessary.

We are our first responders in times of danger and must never be left unable to respond to any threat by whatever means necessary.

No person nor entity under any circumstance has the moral authority to deny that right to any otherwise law abiding citizen.

Jeremy Witt

Self - Shop Manager

Fulshear, TX

The right to keep and BEAR arms is just that, a RIGHT, not a privilege. It's honestly sad that Texas isn't leading the pack on gun rights. We shouldn't need a permission slip to exercise our inherent right of self defense. Several other states have passed similar bills, and it's time for Texas to play catch up. Criminals won't wait for permission to carry, why should law abiding citizens have to spend their hard earned money and play a waiting game to do the same?

Gary Briggs

Self

Irving, TX

Hoping that you will make it law.

DEBORAH DIORIO

Self

ROUND ROCK, TX

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Daniel Anderson

Self

Pflugerville, TX

This bill is a huge step forward in giving Texans the ability to protect themselves, their families, and their property

Ron Wong, MR

Self

Sugar Land, TX

I fully support the passage of Bill 1238. It is long overdue. MANY other states, 17 I believe have already adopted Constitutional Carry Laws with almost no problems...

Thomas Jensen

Self/ Apt maintenance supervisor

ENNIS, TX

I am in favor of my constitutionally given right to carry

Noel Zuniga

OCT

Grand Prairie, TX

Texas needs to be more gun friendly.

Dale McPeters

Self - Mechanical Design Coordinator

Midland, TX

I support this bill.

danny gott, Mr

Self

Bedford, TX

I strongly support this bill

Dobrin Ganev

Self

Cedar Park, TX

I support this bill

Marshall Allen, Mr.

self / grad student

College Station, TX

I believe this law recognizes the second amendment rights of the citizens of Texas under the US Constitution, and increases access to concealed carry - particularly for low-income and working class people that arguably need it most.

David Hart

Self

Frisco, TX

I stand up and support this bill and any other bills that support our right as a legal US citizen to own and carry a fire arm to protect myself, family, state and country.

Frank Rowland, Mr

Myself

Canton, TX

I support this bill. I'm a disabled veteran with limited mobility.

Harold Burleson

Self

Weatherford, TX

It is time for Texas to pass the Constitutional Carry joining the other States, the 2nd Amendment is our God-Given Right instead of government allocating us and giving Texans permission to the already Law-Abiding Citizens.

Justin Day

Myself and every other freedom loving Texan

Texas City, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional carry is a necessity for Texas, a license to carry is an infringement on our 2nd amendment rights because it requires government permission. If something requires permission, then it's not a right. Do the right thing and support freedom. Vote yes for constitutional carry.

David Deitering

Self

Liberty Hill, TX

I support HB1238 and constitutional carry for Texans the are not legally prohibited from doing so.

Sterling Mills

self

Pflugerville, TX

I support this Bill. Constitutional carry is a fundamental right and as a U.S. Army veteran, I took an oath to the constitution. I honored my oath and now it is your turn to honor your oath.

Walter Eden

Self , Journeymen electrician

Kopperl, TX

Make Texas a crime free zone

Jorge Nunez

Self, Criminal Analyst

El paso, TX

As this administration further infringes on the 2A, Texas must become the national bulwark against these infringements. Constitutional carry is long overdue in the state of TX and must be passed to ensure the safety of the 2A and it's citizens in the future to come.

Richard Dricks

Self

La Marque, TX

I am against any gun laws preventing ownership by type of firearm or accessory, or requiring hoops to be jumped through by law abiding citizens to carry a firearm. Its a fact that gun laws don't work and only prevent good people from owning them. CRIMINALS DONT CARE ABOUT LAWS. and as a result they don't follow them. No law abiding person should have to ask the governments permission to exercise the right to keep our bear arms.

Kenzrick Ridley

Self

Humble, TX

I support this bill and feel that it will help keep Texans safe and protected in a time of need and danger. It is our constitutional right and we deserve it

Wesley Duke

Self

Arlington, TX

I support this bull. The right to carry a firearm is a right that allows us to protect ourselves and protect our country. As a person that is disabled this is ensures me the ability to live free.

Jimmie Gabucci

Self - Retired

Kingwood, TX

Protect my Second Amendment rights to self defense, including and especially during any emergency like Hurricane Katrina!

John T Baker, Dr
self -- Dr of Dental Surgery
Dallas, TX

Please support this BILL.

Also please support HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900

Jeremy Lassetter
Constitution
Hubbard, TX

I support this bill and all other bills that protect our second amendment.

Roger Irwin
i AM an individual
Dallas, TX

i SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY

Lester Israel
Self
Magnolia, TX

The right to carry a firearm is a constitutional right

Gerardo Garcia
Self
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill because I believe that everyone has a right to defend themselves and their loved ones.

LES TOTH
self/retired veteran
Lewisville, TX

i support constitutional carry

Emily Fort
Self - SAHM
The Colony, TX

Utah, Montana, and soon Iowa and Tennessee have passed this legislation in 2021!

Gun owners are DEMANDING that their Republican legislators back this bill!

Shawn Brooks
Self - Retired Military
Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill. I am a law abiding, retired military member who fully believes in the plain language of the US Constitution. With that said, I believe, I have earned the right to always protect my loved ones based on the Constitution.

Charles Sparks
Lone star gun
Hurst, TX

Pass 1238

James Stivers
Self
Nash, TX

VPlease vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Dennis Gore, Mr.
N/A
Temple, TX

Every law abiding citizen should have the right to protect his family at all times !

Venus Wilder
Self Retired
Dripping Springs, TX

Given the border chaos and increase in crime it is bringing, it is imperative that this bill be supported. We have an unalienable and constitutional right to protect ourselves, our family, and our property.

LES TOTH

self/retired veteran

Lewisville, TX

i support constitutional carry

Kenneth Hooper

Self

Portland, TX

The constitution should be the only permit needed to carry any firearm

Wanda Brazeal

Self

LaPorte, TX

I support this bill. We have a right to defend ourselves and our property.

Dale Ratcliff

citizen

Magnolia, TX

I believe every man or woman should have the right to protect themselves or family. I have been acquainted with several persons who chose to carry without a permit. Criminals greatest fear is for their intended victims to be armed. It's proven that an armed populace deters crime.

Sean OFlaherty

Self

LITTLE ELM, TX

I support this bill. I am a law abiding American and Texas resident responsible for protecting myself and my family. It should be easier, not harder, for the good guys to keep themselves and loved ones safe.

Shannon Clouse

Self

Pottsboro, TX

Decriminalize living free. I'm a 100% disabled vet. This is a constitutional fundamental and no entity has a right to hinder me exercising my rights. This country is doomed if we don't get our shit together, let the survivors at least have a fighting chance.

Justin McCorkle

Self, cybersecurity

Little Elm, TX

I support the state's recognizing the God given right of all free people to self defense and the carrying of a firearm (openly or concealed) without the requirement to seek governmental authorization to do so. The requirement to seek a license to carry a firearm denies that the right to self defense is given by God rather than man. The state of Texas has lagged behind the numerous other states that do not require a license to carry for far too long and ought to make itself as friendly to the carrying of firearms as the hostile liberal states already believe us to be.

Charles Perry

Self

La Marque, TX

Constitutional carry, is just that, constitutional. While I have no problem with concealed carry, I do not think, if you can legally own a firearm, you should have to get permission to do so!

Rollin Myers

Self

Baytown, TX

I fully support HB 1238 in it's entirety. It is beyond time for Texas to relieve Texans of the unconstitutional permit to carry . We as Texans should be leading the way on CONSTITUTIONAL right to carry instead of trying to catch up .

Christopher House

military veterans peer network

Denison, TX

I support constitutional carry as a veteran I believe that you can enlist in the military. You should have the right to own and carry weapons to protect others and yourself. I served in the USA Army in Bosnia in peace keeper with united Nations I have seen first hand what gun control lead to for defense less civilians .

Dean Hockenberry

Self Automotive Service

Roanoke, TX

I wish to have you consider my opinion that Texas of all states should be a constitutional carry state. Our Second Amendment rights should be protected as long as we are legally allowed to possess firearms. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Patrick Rider

Self

Canutillo, TX

To all who may read this comment for consideration of allowing "constitutional carry" as some may refer to it as. I ask that you approve and support whatever bill and all bills that REDUCE the amount of infringements on our constitutional right. Our founding fathers took the time to write "shall not be infringed" in the 2nd amendment. In areas of America with the strictest and most infringing rights on its people in regards to guns they have the most violence and most gun violence. In places where legal

adults can carry without a permission slip we see them enjoying lower crime rates involving guns. There is no evidence that removing a LTC is going to increase crime.

Not many years ago I was a soldier where my country relied on me and my weapon system to do my job for our country. But while I'm here in the very country I protected I have to request permission to exercise a right granted to me by our countries founding fathers.

I ask you to hear us, I ask that you protect our rights, protect our rights to protect our families.

Thank you for your service to the state of Texas.

Ashley Wyche

self

Edgewood, TX

I support this bill because as a woman, I deserve to be able to protect myself in public without having to pay to do so. As a rape victim, I know that being able to protect myself (and not only myself, but my family and my children as well) is the most important thing to me, especially these days with so much chaos everywhere. It is my right to own a gun to be able to protect myself, but not having the ability to lawfully carry it does me no good. Look at Suzanna Hupp from the Luby's Massacre, she was having lunch with her parents and unfortunately a crazy person shot the place up- a place with Texas laws against carrying inside, mind you. Suzanna, being a law abiding citizen, left her handgun in her vehicle. The man killed 24 people, including Suzanna's parents. Had Suzanna been able to lawfully carry inside the establishment, it could have been prevented, or at least given more people a chance to survive. This case has always been on my heart and she fought hard to get the laws changed because of this fact, to no avail. I think that this being passed would prevent many situations just like the Luby's one where good citizens would be able to protect themselves and possibly others by having Constitutional Carry. As a Mother, I just want to be able to provide the most protection I can to my children, because they deserve such. I would do everything in my power to protect them, including giving up my life, as most parents would. I just want to have that ability. I'm asking for a chance to protect my babies, free and clear.

Dirk Bode

CBS Brokerage

AMARILLO, TX

It's Constitutional, so this should be easy... Let's get this passed!

Dennis Ivey

Self-Retired Peace Officer

CONROE, TX

This bill needs to approved. We need constitutional carry in texas. Thank you

Clay Ramsey, Mr.

Self - data security

Plano, TX

I wish to express support for this measure. Respectfully, this measure should not even be needed. Accepting the reality that it is, I wish to ask that this bill be given its due: progression to a vote on the floor of house and senate.

Thank you.

Clay Ramsey

Chris Shelton

Self

TX - Texas, TX

I support this bill

Richard Davis

Self

Angleton, TX

I support this bill

18 other states already have constitutional carry and at least five more, including Texas, are considering it in their current legislative sessions. The states that have constitutional carry have shown that it not unsafe to have constitutional carry. Every legal gun owner has the constitutional right to carry even the ones that can't afford to get a license to carry.

Teddy Wyche

self

Edgewood, TX

I support this bill because: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security to a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

Jason Pati

Myself/Airline Worker

Irving, TX

Rights are given to us by God not by the government and the right to life is also the right to protect your life. I shouldn't need to ask the government for permission to protect my first basic right which is the right to life.

Ray Myrick

Texas citizens

Houston, TX

Please pass for Texas, constitutional carry insures a safer community.

TONY DUNFORD

Myself

DALLAS, TX

Pass constitutional carry before it's too late. Protect the liberties of Texans.

Gregory Parris
Self entrepreneur
hutto, TX

I support this bill.

Jason Elmore
Self, CEO, Tuaris Cyber
Rowlett, TX

I support the state's recognizing the God given right of all people to self defense and the carrying of a firearm (openly or concealed) without the requirement to seek a government's authorization to do so. The requirement to request permission to protect yourself or your family places government above God and His design and appointment of the sanctity of life. My beloved State of Texas is embarrassingly behind this formal recognition that 16+ other States have already officially recognized. This Right has existed since long before the Bill of Rights was ratified by the States in 1791 or the Texas Constitution adopted in 1876.

Richard McCormick
McCormick Family
DENTON, TX

I am a US Navy Vet. And a Law abiding citizen of the great State of Texas. I had Heart Surgery 8 years ago in April and a second surgery for the same problem in June. During that second surgery I suffered a stroke that effected my left side mostly my left hand. At rehab I was asked what my greatest fear was. My answer was that I would not be able to protect my Wife and Family. I am whole heartedly in favor of HB 1238 This bill will help calm my greatest fear.

David Bryant
Self/Retired
Temple, TX

I firmly support Constitutional carry in Texas

Prisco Corrales
Myself
EL PASO, TX

I believe this will bring back a little of the rights back to the people if you are legal to buy firearms you shouldn't be jumping through hoops and loops I order to enforce your right as an American

Dan Henry
Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Texas should be leading the US on Constitutional Carry instead of being an also run. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed.

Frank Pavelec

Self

Pflugerville, TX

I live in Texas and support my 2nd amendment right to constitutional carry. It will make Texas safer, it is everyone's right through the Constitution, and this also affects the next generation.

I feel we should not have to even deal with this because this is our right but I am writing to you to stand up for our 2nd amendment rights.

William Van Clief

GOA

Fort Worth, TX

I support this bill I do this every right of every American to be able to defend themselves and their family it is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. It is not a right given to us by government but is given to us by God and we need to protect this right no matter what thank you sir for your time

Bryce Duncan

Self ac services and repair

Richland hills, TX

I support this bill. Thanks for your time.

Randy R Combs

self

Austin, TX

Greetings: I would like to voice my support of HB1238. And wish the Texas Legislature would do the same. Our State of Texas has been dragging it's feet, with 19 other States previously have passed Constitutional Carry. It is time for Texas to step up, and get this bill passed. Thank you for your time, Randy Combs.

Robert A Brazeal

Self

La Porte, TX

Thank You for your support on this Bill , Texas needs to be able to defend herself

Kayla Milstead

Self/office manager

Kosse, TX

Support

Hal Gullledge

Self-Retired

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Please support and sponsor this bill.

Steve Evans

Self

Garland, TX

I support this bill. The ability of every law abiding Texas citizen should be granted with the ability of self protection and should be persevered and promoted.

Michael Hendricks

Self

College Station, TX

Texans have always understood better than other about individual freedoms. I think we have the right already under the constitution to carry a weapon. I think it's time we codified this.

Nancy Forster

Self -RRC District Office Cleanup Coordinator

Cypress, TX

I support this bill. As a Texas transplant, I truly was excited about coming in 2013 to what I considered one of the freer states with it comes to the Constitution including the Bill of Rights (i.e., 2nd Amendment). I was concerned that Texas did not already have Constitutional Carry. With this and the other pro 2A bills, I feel safer because it allows every law-abiding citizen like myself to protect ourselves and our family. In fact, it has been proven in more places that when criminals (who always obtain their guns illegally) think you as a law-abiding citizen are carrying or possibly possess a gun in your house - they are far more likely to avoid you and your house. A Constitutional Carry bill like this can provide that level of protection. I hear the other side say it will turn into the Wild West - it will not - just look at those states who already have Constitutional Carry where the gun violence is less than in those states that have more and/or the most restrictive gun control laws. The only thing about this bill I think needs to change is there should be no prohibited public places for a law-abiding citizen to carry a firearm. We already know that people who want to commit violent acts using a firearm go to places with signs indicating guns are not allowed - making those places targets (i.e., schools, etc.). I believe that every law-abiding citizen should be able to exercise their 2nd Amendment right without having to get a license. I am concerned by what is happening at the federal level to infringe on my rights. Please I prayerfully and strongly encourage you to send this and the other Constitutional Carry bills through for a yes vote.

Annie Dadian-Williams

I represent myself as a resident of TEXAS

Bulverde, TX

I am 100% in support of this HB. Please insure the voices of Texans are being heard We are closely watching your actions, and remember you represent WE THE PEOPLE

John Latimer, Mr.

Self/Ranching

Odessa, TX

I support HB 1238 because I believe that we have an inalienable right to defend ourselves, our family and our property according to the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. The laws that restrict our exercise of that right were put into place during reconstruction and have no place in our modern society. I urge your support and passage of this bill.

Jose Zetino

Self

MISSOURI CITY, TX

I support this bill.

Andrew Perez

Self

Weslaco, TX

I support this bill. As a law abiding Texan I had gotten my license to carry to protect my family unfortunately I can not be around them 24/7. With this bill I know my family can protect themselves if I can not.

monte garrett

self.

Spring Branch, TX

Constitutional carry is a RIGHT guaranteed by God Himself. No man has the right to deny this right of self-protection and anyone who does is nothing more than a tyrant. NO MORE ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW US TO CARRY A FIREARM. Numerous other states have already passed CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY. It is high time that the government of Texas does so as well. Only communists are against the people being allowed to carry a firearm for self-protection.

Michael Mitchum

self

Temple, TX

I support this bill. Rights under the constitution of the US are absolute and should not be infringed by local, state or nat'l govts. We should not "ask" for permission to exercise the rights, instead our gov't should stand out of our way. This bill would address our innate rights and prevent gov't overreach

Nathan Rock, Ret. Airforce

Self

North Richland Hills, TX

The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed is probably One of the most important sentences in our United States Constitution. It is time to stop Idlelea sitting by allowing our rights to deteriorate. Gun control advocates always say one more bill. It is time to push back and take back what is rightfully ours granted by the Constitution. The second amendment is so important to me that I move 1400 miles from New York to the great state of Texas to have my ability to possess and keep arms. It is that important do not allow Texas to become New York or California. Fight back now

Christopher Castano

Self - Desktop Support Tech

Universal City, TX

Constitutional Carry is long overdue for the state of Texas. A lot of people refer to Texas has having some of the better pro-2nd Amendment laws, yet many other states have Constitutional Carry, and have had it for years. Texas needs to catch up, and allow it's lawful citizens to carry by the Constitution.

Michael Williams

Self, semi-retired

Houston, TX

As a veteran and native Texan, firearm ownership is a right guaranteed by the constitution. Thus a permit to carry a handgun is a infringement on that right.

John Taylor

Self

League City, TX

I support the proposed revisions to the language in the penal code. I also support the right of students, who are not otherwise prohibited possessors of firearms, per 18 U.S. Code § 922, to carry on campus.

James Baehr

Self

Marion, TX

I support HB 1238 for the following reasons:

- Texans should not have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.
- Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep newly freed black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.

- The majority of states don't require a license to carry a handgun in some form.
- Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.
- No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.
- Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.
- Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho).
- Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or gets better.

Please support this Bill and pass it out of Committee for a full House vote.

Barret Runyon

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please pass this bill

Ina Rios

Self/ RADIOLOGY TECH

Cleveland, TX

Texas by tradition is constitutional carry. Make it SO.

Michael Morriss, Dr.

self

FLOWER MOUND, TX

I support this bill. I am a native Texan for many generations and a law-abiding gun owner. Constitutional carry is critical for safety and reduction of violent crime. Law-abiding gun owners should be allowed to carry with no further requirements including a license. We must join other states in allowing this constitutional right.

ann House

FEDEX

willis, TX

I Annehouse@gmail.com favor the bill as a citizen for my rights and protection.

jeffchan

self

MCKINNEY, TX

The right of self-defense is very important to my family and I. Handguns are one of the best means of self-defense for our family. Constitutional Carry allows my family and lawful gun owners in Texas the ability to protect our loved ones. Please support HB 1238. This bill would allow lawful gun owners to protect themselves and their families in most locations in Texas.

Richard Craig

self

west tawokoni, TX

I support this and I hope my fellow Texans do as well.

Ryan Grifing

Self, Audio/Video Installer

College Station, TX

To all members of the committee, greetings.

I wanted to contact you today in order to express my wholehearted support for four particular bills you will be reviewing on March 25th. These are HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, and HB 2900. In summary, these four bills eliminate the requirement to possess a License to Carry a handgun for any adult, providing they possess said handgun legally. This lack of a requirement is colloquially referred to as "Constitutional Carry." I believe that enacting Constitutional Carry in the state of Texas is of the utmost concern, and we are doing a disservice to Texans by forcing them to get a license to carry a concealed firearm. The LTC requirement as it stands now stands as a needless, unjust, and unconstitutional barrier to the fundamental right of all people to keep and bear arms. Forcing peaceful citizens to pay to conceal a firearm on their person does nothing except make law-abiding citizens easy targets for criminals who wish to do them harm. I implore you to ensure these bills can be passed through the Texas Legislature, as written and as intended, so that we can eliminate this deplorable barrier between Texans and their ability to defend themselves. I have served this country in the Marine Corps to ensure that peaceful citizens can maintain their God-given rights, it's time for you to do your part.

Thank you, have a wonderful day.

Sean Rau

Self, driver

Wylie, TX

I STRONGLY support this bill. I urge y'all please pass it and strengthen our 2nd amendment!

David Laber

Self

Melissa, TX

I support this bill. As a gun owner and an American it is important that we recognize the unrestricted constitutionality of being able to carry and protect oneself and others as stated in the 2nd Amendment. Shall not be infringed needs to mean not infringed.

Michael Foree
self - HealthcareIT
Pasadena, TX

I support this bill because an armed public is safer than an unarmed public

Julio Aispuro
Self
Odessa, TX

I support this bill fully

Tracy Davis, Mrs
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL HB 1238! This is My Right, Our Fore Father's were wise enough to make gun rights our 2nd Amendment of our Constitution. I work late sometimes and is would make me feel safer.

Michael Meador
Self
Georgetown, TX

Every person has natural rights not granted by any governments. Legal residents of Texas who not otherwise judged danger to public should not be restricted in any way that limits defense of life or property with any weapon. Federal laws do restrict types and manner of possession of firearms and thereby are in conflict with this natural rights and safety. Citizen voters must be supported by our elected representatives to ensure we keep these rights.

Craig Ellsworth
Self / Private Security
Cypress, TX

I support this bill. There is an inalienable natural right to self defense. Along with that goes the necessary corollary right to not be denied the means to defend yourself effectively. For the vast majority of people, in the great majority of situations in which the use of deadly force would be justified, a firearm is by far the most effective means of self defense. Therefore, natural law and reason demand that responsible good people who can legally possess a firearm should not be prohibited from doing so.

Furthermore, no state permission should be required to exercise a right of any kind. Today, almost three dozen states recognize this and do not require a permit to carry a firearm if you can legally possess one. Frankly, it is embarrassing that Texas, a state known for the spirit of liberty, has lagged behind so many other states in respecting individual rights. This is particularly so given that, in 2019, four of the five safest states allowed permitless carry of legally possessed firearms.

Howard Schmitt, Dr

Self

Amarillo, TX

I fully support Constitutional Carry in the state of Texas. The right to keep and bears arms by law abiding citizens should not be restricted by any means including laws, fees, licensing or others means. This is an innate right guaranteed by both the Texas and United States Constitutions. The government's role in this matter is to ensure that this established right is not taken away

NICHOLAS BLANC, Mr.

Myself

Killeen, TX

I support HB 1238 and look forward to it's passing and signing in to Law

Bruce Hale

Self / Paramedic

Lakehills, TX

I am writing in support of HB 1238. Please preserve every person's right to defend him/herself by ensuring the right of those not specifically prohibited from it to bear arms.

Thomas Tucker

Self

Liberty, TX

I support this bill. People shouldn't have to ask permission to exercise their second amendment right. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Dillon Franklin

Self, LMT

San Marcos, TX

I support this bill! If you're a lawful citizen of Texas, you should be able to carry a firearm responsibly.

Debbie Stuart

Self

Port neches, TX

I support this bill. People shouldn't have to ask permission to exercise their second amendment right. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Rebeca Tucker

Self

Liberty, TX

I support this bill. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Andrew Smith

Myself

Houston, TX

My name is Andrew R Smith I live in Harris county.

At one time I was a licensed concealed carry permit holder. I let my permit expire because of the cost and time it took. With the federal government putting Texans in danger with open border's not knowing what kind of people will be coming in the state across the border and resources such as police being overwhelmed I support this bill. Texans have the right to protect themselves when the federal government is not.

Thank you.

Bruce Hale

Self / Paramedic

Lakehills, TX

I am writing in support of HB 1238. Please preserve every person's right to defend him/herself by ensuring the right of those not specifically prohibited from it to bear arms.

David Skaggs, Mr.

Self - Maintenance Supervisor / Electrician

Weslaco, TX

I'm a father, a husband, a veteran, and thankfully I've lived most of my life in Texas. I want to express my support for HB1238 which would allow any person who is not prohibited from carrying a firearm to be able to do so without infringement. I am a strong believer in the Bill of Rights period. I think the founders of our great country knew what they were doing when they wrote the Constitution and when they added the Bill of Rights to protect its citizens from government overreach. There are many historical examples of government overreach and I think we are seeing this play out with the current administration in Washington. Much legislation has been proposed on the federal level to dismantle our ability to exercise our right to keep and bear arms, without infringement, which in my humble opinion is the opposite of what America has always stood for. I am hopeful that Texas and its leaders in their wisdom will keep Texas safe by trusting its citizens to bear arms according to our founders wises. As you know eighteen states have currently instituted constitutional carry and ten more this legislative session are likely to join them. To me this means our Republic is both divided and strong. The division is due to the lack of educated citizens and even more the result of media propaganda. Our strength is that there are methods and strategies already in place to safeguard our rights. As our elected leaders you have the power to safeguard one of the most important rights we have and I ask that you support constitutional carry in the great state of Texas. God Bless Texas!

Kiel Holliday

Self - IT Technical Support Specialist for School District

Carrollton, TX

I support this bill because of the following reasons:

As a Texas resident that is a lawfully permissible to carry a firearm, recognizing Constitutional Carry is a needed step that should have been done years ago. We should be allowed without reservation be allowed to exercise our Constitutional right under the second amendment. As a lawful carry citizens that do carry, we acknowledge the responsibility in carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm. Please support and pass this bill.

Lisa Salinas

Self/Disabled

Yoakum, TX

I feel that if an individual is legally able to carry a weapon that they should be able to. I also feel that citizens that are responsible and abide by the law, should not be harassed by government officials.

Marcus Howard

Self - Information Technology Professional

Lakeway, TX

As a law-abiding Texan, I support HB 1238.

...City of New York v. Miln, 11 Pet. 139

"The right there specified is that of "bearing arms for a lawful purpose." This is not a right granted by the Constitution. Neither is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence. The second amendment declares that it shall not be infringed, but this, as has been seen, means no more than that it shall not be infringed by Congress. This is one of the amendments that has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the national government, leaving the people to look for their protection against any violation by their fellow citizens of the rights it recognizes, to what is called, in *The City of New York v. Miln*, 11 Pet. 139, the "powers which relate to merely municipal legislation, or what was, perhaps, more properly called internal police," "not surrendered or restrained" by the Constitution of the United States."

Don Quilantan, Mr

Self

Watauga, TX

I support this bill, Texans that meet the requirements to legally own a firearm should also be allowed to carry a firearm. In short, being eligible to legally possess a firearm should also satisfy the legal carry of a firearm, any other requirement is an infringement on the second amendment. This would also benefit lower income and minority individuals or those who do not have access to the facilities currently required to obtain a license to legally carry a firearm for protection in Texas. I feel that the current license requirements are prohibiting many Texans from being able to protect themselves. All Texans that meet the requirements to legally own a firearm should also be allowed to carry a firearm for protection.

Albert Perez

self

El Paso, TX

I am concerned that members of ethnic minorities openly carrying handguns may be harassed by the few remaining racist

police and deputies in Texas by being stopped to show their license more frequently than non-minority members. with constitutional carry officers would have to be able to articulate in what irresponsible or inappropriate behavior person being stopped was engaged when they were stopped and not just claim they were checking for a license to carry. Also, there is no requirement for a license to carry a rifle or a shotgun (nor can there be under the Texas Constitution {Article 1, Section 23}) so why should there be such a requirement for carrying a pistol? It is not logical.

Jeff McCall

Self

Houston, TX

I SUPPORT this bill because everyone has the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed in the second amendment and no one should be required to obtain a license to exercise a constitutional right.

John Webre

Self

Colleyville, TX

Please support the passage of this new law.

Marisol Byrd

self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT

It's a constitutional right to carry a handgun for one's on safety and protection for all. This does not stop criminal activity, as they will find a way to have a fire arm and break the law regardless, however it does stop the innocent who need to protect themselves against criminals, animals, and dangerous situations. It has also been shown that violent crime rates drop within the first five years in a state when constitutional carry is passed. One great example is Vermont, who never required a license to carry and is consistently rated on of the safest states in the US. in 2019, 4 out of the top 5 safest states had constitutional carry in place (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho). Also, repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety, as people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves.

Charles Garrison

Self, Fire Fighter

Georgetown, TX

I fully support this bill! I believe that it will enhance our safety and provide for better protections of my constitutional rights. Thank you so much for working on the behalf of law abiding Texans!

Kenneth Rupkalvis, Mr

self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. Legal citizens have the right to own a gun, legal citizens have the right to carry.

Terry O'Rear

Self

Farmers Branch, TX

As a constituent, I ask you to please co-author House Bills 1238, 1911, 1927, and 2900, permitless carry legislation that allows law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun without a state-issued License To Carry (LTC).

These critical bills ensure that honest Texans can protect themselves without government red tape or delay. The existing LTC law would not be repealed. Criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms would still be barred from carrying guns. The enforcement of any laws broken by criminals who misuse firearms would not be prevented.

Thank you for your time, and I ask again, that you please co-author House Bills 1238, 1911, 1927, and 2900.

Duane Wolcott

Self

San Antonio, TX

It is long overdue for Texas to join the other "Constitutional Carry" states. Please vote FOR this legislation.

Byron Marks

Self

Somerville, TX

I am 100% in support of this bill. As a law abiding citizen in good standing with the state of Texas, I see no reason that I should have to rent my constitutionally guaranteed right to protect my family myself and my property. Texas is way behind on this issue. Several states already have some version or another of unlicensed carrying firearms. They have seen no rise and gun related crime. Thank you for your time and I hope you're able to get this done.

David Lira

Self

Manvel, TX

I support HB1238, I support constitutional carry, I support Texans second amendment rights. I support you and every other Representative that's in favor of constitutional carry and gun rights in our great State of Texas. The right to keep and bear arms is the cornerstone of our fundamental right to self defense. Please pass HB1238, thank you.

Keith McDonald

myself

Angleton, TX

I support this bill. I live in Angleton Texas and in the last few years the city of Houston has been spreading ever closer. A few years ago it was not normal to hear police sirens in the night, now it is to say the least, very common. Crime in the area is up and with the way our federal government is going I am expecting riots to start coming this way from the large city of Houston. It is getting to the point here that being armed within my own home is no longer enough to protect myself and my family. Please pass constitutional carry for all Law abiding citizens. Also thank you for putting forth this bill

Richard Sanders
Self Retired Military
CAMERON, TX

I support HB 1238. Our 2d Amendment rights are under attack, each and every person who is not prohibited deserves the ability to carry a firearm. The current affairs as they relate to more open borders from the current administrations poor policy compound that need for protecting ones self and family.

Robert McIsaac, Mr.
Self
Friendswood, TX

I support this bill because it will end Texas' unconstitutional and illegal infringements on its citizens natural rights.

Scott Wilson
Self
Rusk, TX

Please support this bill.

Jeremy Brady
Self
Midland, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL

This is a good bill it is my right to protect myself, family and property. I think it is wrong and against my right to ask permission from the government if I can carry my firearm to protect my family, myself and property.

Carl Moore
Self
Kingwood, TX

I don't understand why this state hasn't done this yet. I believe in the constitution and the 2nd amendment. We should allow constitutional carry. I feel this should only pertain to open carry, and I believe that concealment of firearms should still require a license.

Armando Alvarado

self

Laredo, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL

Charis Calvert

self-disabled

Dripping Springs, TX

I fully support this bill. As a very petite woman and mother, it is imperative to me that we level the playing field between myself and anyone wishing to do myself or my family harm by removing barriers to my ability to fully exercise my 2nd Amendment right. In these last several years my health has gone completely downhill and my disabilities make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for me to access the classes and training necessary to be issued a license to carry. Passing this bill would mean I could safely go downtown again for my doctor's appointments and would have the means necessary to defend myself, as I have had to have my husband escort me for years.

Joshua Smith

Self

Sanger, TX

Hello. I am a Texan, born and raised. I support Constitutional Carry, and I know many other Texans do as well. Please vote for Constitutional Carry. Thank you.

Jamison Deselms

Self

Austin, TX

We should have the right to protect our families and this should not be infringed.

Joshua Falkavage

Self Construction

Sanger, TX

I support this bill Because it's my right it makes me and the general public safer

Thomas Gordon

Self

Temple, TX

HI MY NAME IS THOMAS GORDON
AND I SUPPORT THIS BILL HB 1238 BY BIEDERMANN

THANK YOU, THOMAS

John Christiansen

Self - Technician

Paige, TX

Thank you for supporting this necessary legislation for the protection of families in Texas.

We appreciate your courage and your dedication to your constituents in supporting this legislation.

Anti-2A agendas have made their way into Washington and are threatening to remove constitutional rights that have been granted to us.

Just like freedom of speech should not be done away with the right to carry and bear arms for the defense and protection of our families is an unchangeable right that shall not be infringed by petty laws that seek to keep lawful citizens unprotected.

Edward Collins

self

Grand Prairie, TX

I fully support this bill!

David Tobar

self

HOUSTON, TX

I support this bill because I feel those around me that meet the requirements to own a gun; should be able to constitutional carry a handgun without a license and not have to worry about being considered a criminal if they don't have the proper licensing to do so. It would overall make a better and safer state if this bill passes.

Mitchel Bowden

Self

League city, TX

I support this bill. This is our right.

Rusty Smith

N/A

Livingston, TX

I support HB 1238. There is no reason to require the citizens of Texas to ask the government for permission to exercise their right to self-protection from violent crime. The best method is by carrying a firearm. States that have adopted Constitutional Carry have had no uptick in violence. In fact, it often results in a lower rate of violent crime.

Kevin Flowers-Pettus

Self

San Antonio, TX

I 100% support any bill and all legislation that restores the right to keep and bear arms in this country. They are extremely important for the safety of our societies.

Mike Baker

Self

Joshua, TX

I am very much in favor of Constitutional Carry being the law of Texas. The very description of Constitutional Carry self explains the authority for it. Please vote "yes" on this bill.

Lawrence Johnson

self

Temple, TX

PLEASE PASS THE NEEDED BILL

EDWIN WORNELL

We the people

LUMBERTON, TX

It's wrongful to charge a tax on a God given right, stated in the constitution (2nd amendment) the right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon. So I'm asking everyone to stand up for our constitution and let's show the world we will not go quietly into the night we will not leave without a fight we will stand up for our rights!!!!!!

Levi Kavadas

Self, software engineer

The Colony, TX

I support this bill.

Government, at any level, has no legal authority to usurp our natural rights and then sell them back to us. The current permitting system disproportionately affects the poor, the young, and people of color by creating a prohibitively costly and time consuming legal obstacle to simply exercise a natural right to self-defense. It is time to pass constitutional carry.

Kristopher Reid

Self/Teacher

San Angelo, TX

I support this bill. I believe it is unacceptable for Texans to have to ask for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

Also, carry bans were enacted as a racist measure. The bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep black people from carrying guns. It is time to eliminate the Jim Crow-era law and keep moving forward to "Liberty and Justice for all".

Additionally, I believe that this bill would help those who are potential victims who must defend themselves. Criminals don't care about laws. They prove that by the very nature of being criminals. Why should good, law abiding citizens be restrained when there is a very simple way to ensure our protection?

No criminal has ever said "I sure want to go commit rape and murder but I have to wait for my carry permit to come in first. But, every single day thousands of honest Texans who want to carry to be safe have to wait. In fact, violent crime is shown to GO DOWN within 5 years of a state passing Constitutional Carry.

Lastly, repealing the training requirement does not endanger the public safety. There will not be 'shootouts at high noon' in the streets. People who were able to carry under the Constitutional Carry laws have been shown to go out and seek more training than if they take a course for a license.

Thank you very much for your time. I know you will vote to support Constitutional Carry. It's the right thing to do for Texas and the right thing to do for honest, hard working Texans.

VR,

Kristopher J. Reid

Kent McManigal

self

Farwell, TX

I am completely in favor of Constitutional Carry legislation. It is past time for Texas to catch up with the 21st Century by finally respecting the natural human right to carry defensive tools-- openly or concealed-- without asking permission. Thank you for your consideration.

Cary Dunbar

self

Bellaire, TX

Constitutional carry is the only way to allow the constitution to truly not be infringed upon, licenses and taxes on the 2nd amendment are inherently infringing on our rights as citizens.

Carlos Salinas

Gun Owners of America - GOA & Self

Houston, TX

I would like to say that as a law abiding citizen I should be able to exercise my right to carry a firearm without a license anywhere in the state of Texas lawfully. The minimum age should be 18 years of age in doing so. It would make the state a much safer place do so when emergency responders may not be able to assist me or my fellow Texans where a crime is being committed and I am able to stop it. I fully support Constitutional carry in Texas.

Tim DePalma

Self

Aubrey, TX

I support constitutional carry and would like it passed in Texas because (1) requiring a license hurts/restricts poor people (2) violent crime rates generally drop within five years of passing constitutional carry and (3) criminals do not seek licensure and restricting carry only prevents law abiding Texans from protecting themselves and their families.

Stan Simmons

self

Dallas, TX

I support constitutional carry.

Travis Smith

Self

Royse City, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL! Texas has always been known for its freedom. Some would say Texas is the greatest country on earth! As a husband, and a father, nothing is more important than the safety of my family. Gun control strips my family the ability to protect themselves. It seems that criminals are more protected than law abiding citizens these days. When someone wants to do you, or anyone around you harm, why do I need permission from the government to protect them. This includes property as well. My God given rights shall not be infringed by pen and paper. Thank you for listening. God Bless Texas!

Leslie Pickett, Mrs

Self

Kerrville, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill. Thank you

'Christopher Lacy, Mr

self, UPS Driver

College Station, TX

I'd like to write to say that I support HB 1238. I am a strong supporter of the right to keep and bear arms. I do hold an LTC in Texas and have since the law passed in the 1995 session. We now have I believe 18 states that have Constitutional Carry. To my knowledge, there have been no adverse effects because of those laws in those states. In fact I think they help reduce crime. If a nefarious individual intends to commit a crime with a gun, he or she won't stop because they don't have a license to carry. Those types of permits only serve as an impediment for the law-abiding to exercise their rights in my opinion. If this bill gets modified, I do support wording that will allow citizens who are 18 years of age and older this right to carry as long as he or she is qualified to own a firearm in Texas and not prohibited because of some type of felony conviction. I left for the army 2 days after my 18th birthday. I think 18 should be considered an adult in all aspects. I also support any wording that may allow an individual to be held harmless and not charged with a crime if he or she inadvertently enters a premises that is deemed off limits to firearm carry as long as said individual leaves the premises immediately when asked to do so. I know one of the Constitutional Carry bills has this type of language, and I support it. Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Lacy

Gerard King

Myself

Dripping Springs, TX

Texas stands for freedom and we need to join the 19 States with Constitutional carry. Law abiding Americans shouldn't have to pay to exercise their Constitutional rights.

Shane Bertram

Self / Writer

Humble, TX

I AM in favor of HB 1238. As the law currently stands, otherwise completely law-abiding citizens have to ask the PERMISSION of their government to exercise their rights under the Second Amendment. I believe that when you have to ask someone's permission something very obviously becomes a PRIVILEGE, rather than a RIGHT as it should be. Statistics and common sense both irrefutably declare that requiring a license to carry a firearm does absolutely nothing to dissuade criminals to use weapons to commit acts of violence, but it DOES obstruct law-abiding citizens from the having means of defending their life, and instead forces them into being victims. Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, and Idaho are ranked as the safest states in the country, and they all allow their citizens to bear arms freely without requiring a license. In fact, the MAJORITY of states in this country now don't require a license for their citizens to exercise the right to bear arms, and I believe neither should the great state of Texas.

Ronnie Pare

Self

Dayton, TX

Pass this bill

James Summers

Self

KYLE, TX

I support this bill because I believe every human being has a God given right to defend themselves. This bill acknowledges and upholds that ideal. The right to defend oneself is an essential human right that no government should ever attempt to legislate away from the people.

Franklin Navarro

N/a

McKinney, TX

I support this bill because it is my right as a citizen to fight for our constitutional right to bear arms.

Thomas Daigle, Mr

FPC

Kountze, TX

I implore you all vote to pass this bill . Our God given right to protect ourselves , our homes ,and our families are already under a full on attack by the left. The second ammendment in my humble opinion is the most important however , very much on the same level of the first ammendment. When the first is under attack the second defends the attack on the first . The government has gotten entirely to bold in there attacks on our rights . In Texas this great state our home we need to hold high the second ammendment. We all need to fight to keep our second ammendment safe from the insane left! As the old addage says "guns dont kill people , people kill people" . Guns are a tool, just as a hammer is a tool . How you use that tool is what makes the difference. We as a society have gotten too far down a road away from God and morality full speed into debauchery and evil . The second protects us from a tyrannical government. I think now more than ever its importance has never been more evident. Bad people will always do bad things . We should have our constitutional right to carry a firearm in these crazy times . Do the right thing and pass this bill . Thank you for your time .

Sincerely

Thomas J Daigle jr

Ed Sunderland

Self, Self Employed

Flower Mound, TX

Sirs, as citizens we should not have to obtain a license or permit to carry a firearm. This is a God-given and constitution acknowledged natural right to protection from an oppressive unresponsive government which we see much more of. Our constitution is being whittled away piece by piece like Article 2 section 1 clause 5 requirement for a president to be a natural-born citizen. Kamala Harris is not, neither was Barack Obama, Ted Cruz, Bobby Jindal, and Marco Rubio who by running for office and being unqualified is "election fraud" which has "NO statute of limitations". The Patriot Act sliced up laws allowing offenders to be held indefinitely without bond or warrant under terrorism provisions which are now used by the left as a tool to destroy farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and conservatives. The IRS is unconstitutional, BLM, CIA, FBI, NSA, and others spy on citizens every day. The TSA is a massive violation of civil rights as it stands and operates to violate personal privacy on its face. Citizens are mostly denied rights bestowed by the constitution like equal protection under the law. The 5th and 14th Amendments are regularly violated. We as citizens only have the right to keep and bear arms to stop further offenses and reverse this unconstitutional trend. Even though I have a gun permit, it does not mean I carry it everywhere. Common sense requires that I do not carry just to be belligerent or show off, and my day-to-day work will not allow me to carry a weapon when installing a dishwasher or to install a light fixture. The only reason for the left opposition is for total control of citizens and if they get it, this country will be in serious trouble. Constitutional carry should restrict the Federal Government who every day launches another gun bill in hopes of sneaking it in which in turn requires average citizens to hire attorneys, send money to face, and defend an already abused constitution needlessly. If a citizen is old enough to join the military, they too are old enough to carry a weapon because they are trained in their use. I do not have a problem with underage kids learning, competing, shooting sports in largely supervised events. I used a firearm at the farm before I could drive to save calves. Constitutional carry should transport across all state borders because the constitution does not mention borders but liberal states do. Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. Ed Sunderland, District 26, Precinct 3030, 1044 Colony St. Flower Mound, TX Denton County

William Stanley

Self PNA 2 STATE EMPLOYEE

Terrell, TX

I believe that this is our right. Texas needs constitutional carry.

Mike Ausili

Self

Melissa, TX

My fellow Texans, I implore you to support HB 1238 and support the constitutional right of law abiding Texas citizens to responsibly and legally bear firearms. The eyes of the nation are upon elected representatives in Texas as they look for leadership and supporting this bill is an opportunity to demonstrate that leadership. Please do the right thing for the constituents who elected you and support this bill.

Respectfully,

Mike Ausili
Melissa, TX

Amanda Daviz

HB 1238,HB1911, HB1927,hB 2900

Van, TX

Please support constitutional carry

gary layfield

self

Frisco, TX

I support this bill. 18 other states currently have provisions with less restrictive rights for their citizens to carry a hand gun. It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Michael Hill, Mr

Self

San Antonio, TX

We need constitutional carry immediately!!

Amanda Davis

Myself

Van, TX

Support constitutional carry

Deborah Decker

Self

Canton, TX

I support constitutional carry, it is our fundamental constitutional right to carry. We shouldn't have to spend money to get a permit to carry.

Curtis Watson

self

AZLE, TX

I believe it is our right carry if we can legally own a gun.

h Andrew Weilbacher

self - brewer

New Braunfels, TX

I strongly support this bill. Free people should never need special permission to exercise their rights; i believe and maintain that the constitution protects the right to bear arms, and that applies to carrying weapons as well.

Tony Huffman

self

Stephenville, TX

I support this bill and ask that you support this bill for the freedom and safety of all Texans. There are people in power in this country that don't honor the Constitution of this great nation or the Bill of Rights. They swore an oath to uphold the Constitution when they took office and now are failing to follow thru with their promise. The ability to protect ones life and the lives of their family members is granted by our creator and not by man. It is most important that we have the ability to protect ourselves and the ones we love. I ask you to support this bill which helps law abiding citizens do that very thing.

Gary Lankford

Self

Utopia, TX

I support HB 1238, and believe Texas should have Constitutional Carry.

Cody Alexander

Texas

Austin, TX

I support this bill and all others that restore Texan's 2nd amendment rights. These bills will greatly reduce violent crime, restore an individual(s) personal responsibility, reduce government oppression, restore private property rights, and it's just the right damn thing to do.

Kenneth Green

Texas citizens

Kirbyville, TX

I support HB 1238, 1911, 1927 & 2900. There are about 18 states that now has Constitutional carry and Texas should be in that group. If you need a permit, that is infringing on your 2nd Amendment.

SANDY HUFFMAN

self

STEPHENVILLE, TX

I support this bill and ask that you support this bill for the freedom and safety of all Texans. There are people in power in this country that don't honor the Constitution of this great nation or the Bill of Rights. They swore an oath to uphold the Constitution when they took office and now are failing to follow thru with their promise. The ability to protect ones life and the lives of their family members is granted by our creator and not by man. It is most important that we have the ability to protect ourselves and the ones we love. I ask you to support this bill which helps law abiding citizens do that very thing.

Debra Mitchell

Self

Ben Wheeler, TX

I support constitutional carry and I want to be protected from Government over reach

Robert Vincent

self

Grapevine, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Juan Prangner

Self

Bulverde, TX

Please vote for passage of this bill. I fully support constitutional carry by responsible Texans whom are eligible to own and posses a firearm in the state of Texas.

Kevin Wagner

Self

League City, TX

The actions of irresponsible people should not be a reason to take away my right to protect myself with a gun. I am tired of seeing rules and laws created because of the actions of irresponsible people and criminals. Constitutional carry is already Law it's called the second amendment.

As a Texan I want this bill passed.
Thank you Kevin Wagner

Gordon Hopkins
Self
Houston, TX

Please get this done. This bill must be passed.

Nancy Groves
True Texas Project
Colleyville, TX

There should be NO requirement to have a permit or license to carry a handgun. The II Amendment gives US citizens the right to keep and bear arms. We do not need more regulation to water down the constitution.

Jeff Puckett
Blanco county
Johnson City, TX

I support this bill
It's my 2nd Amendment right

Kent Cook
self, retired
Houston, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. With the current political majority in Washington DC ignoring their oath to support and defend the US Constitution by infringing on the right of US Citizens protected by the 2nd Amendment, we are now dependent on the Great State of Texas to defend that right. Please take a stand against this overt infringement by supporting this bill to make Texas a Constitutional Carry State. Send that message loud and clear to the Democrats and RINOs that Texas will not tolerate trampling on this critical Right.

Thank you.

Jeanie Beal, Precinct Chair 2035
Republican Precinct 2035
Frisco, TX

The majority of people in my precinct support this bill.

Alec Y

Self

Pasadena, TX

I support this bill. This is necessary for the safety of the public. I am currently waiting for my license to carry and every day that I don't receive it in my mailbox the more vulnerable I feel. Fortunately I'm in no danger for my life, but for those that are, I can't imagine how powerless they feel having to wait for months for that small piece of paper. Having to wait for months is infringement. It's preventing everyone to carry out in the streets where we are at our most vulnerable. It's our right to protect ourselves without having to ask the government for permission. Thank you.

Michael Texeira

self General Contractor

Austin, TX

I support this Bill that would help to eliminate some of the infringements on Texan's 2nd Amendment rights. Texas is lagging behind on gun owners rights, and we need to rectify this immediately.

Stephen Kille

GOA

Grand Prairie, TX

I support this bill. I moved here from New Hampshire, a Constitutional Carry state. Four out of the five safest states in the USA have Constitutional Carry: New Hampshire, Vermont, Idaho, and Maine.

Daniel Richmond

Self, airline maintenance technician

Keller, TX

I support HB 1238

Constitutional carry should be the law!

Anthony Browning, Mr

Self

Tyler, TX

I support constitutional carry of firearms. It is our right under the Costitution. Also it makes us a safer society. There is no place like Chicago that is safer than anywhere with constitutional carry. Please support and move this bill expeditiously.

Pete Parra, Mr.

Self

Midland, TX

I am a strong supporter of my 2 Amendment! I love my freedom. I want you to support HB 1238 for our God given right to defend ourselves.

Charles Swenson

self

Queen City, TX

I support this bill.

Thomas Kelleher

Self

Gordon, TX

All citizens legally allowed to purchase a firearm should be allowed to carry the firearm that they have purchased.

Wayne McDowell

GOA/SELF

Smithville, TX

this is my right

Reuben Maxon

Self

Rowlett, TX

I support HB 1238, I cherish life and all I ask is to be able to carry a tool to protect life if I'm ever put in that scenario
God bless Texas!

Sara Parra, Mrs.

self

Midland, TX

I am a first time gun owner, and being a female: I feel less vulnerable. I support this bill. Please support HB 1238 for mine and all us in Texas.

Michael Urbanski

self

Haltom City, TX

I support this bill 100%. This is our right given by god. Being able to defend ourselves and people around us is our responsibility.

Charles Smelley

"self" Electric Utility

Fort Worth, TX

I support HB 1238

Jordan Scribner

Self, SVP Bank

Plano, TX

As a legal gun owner, and LTC holder, I support the right of any resident with a legal right to own a gun to carry that gun, concealed or openly in any place not subject to federal restrictions. This right should not require licensing, but be a right of all legal residents. Such rights should be reciprocal with all other states that support this right.

Steven Chang

Self

Plano, TX

I strongly support this bill.

Shall not infringe means law abiding citizens do not need government's permission to exercise our Constitutional rights. This bill will make Texas safer, make criminals think twice before committing a crime. It is time for the great State of Texas to catch up with other states that have already passed similar bills.

Louis Hathcoat

People of Texas

Yantis, TX

I stand for this bill. I hope you stand with us.

Martin Meyer

SELF SEMI RETIRED Bookkeeper

Sugar Land, TX

While a large number of us who carry have an LTC I believe it is right of every law abiding citizen to be able to carry a firearm for protection.

Stephen Lusk, Mr.

self

La Vernia, TX

I support this bill for the following reasons.

1. Carrying a firearm is a right, not a privilege under the United States Constitution.
 2. Concealed carry permits register gun owners which could (and has) lead to gun confiscation.
 3. The issuance of permits can (and has) lead to abuse by government officials.
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Christopher Kauffman

Self

El Paso, TX

I support Constitutional Carry.

I am an Honorably Discharged Veteran of the USMC. If I can go to foreign countries to support and defend, I should be able to do the same in my own country without obtaining additional permission to carry my firearm.

Thank you, and Semper Fi.

Arturo T. Mendoza, Mr.

Self- Retired Federal LEO, DHS

Bastrop, TX

Please support Constitutional Carry and move it forward quickly. Thank you

Jack Jutzi

Self - Software Engineer

Mesquite, TX

The LTC statute is poorly written, widely open to interpretation, and imposes absolutely no penalties on DPS for violating them. I personally have had a long, expensive legal fight with DPS over my LTC denial, and the judge ultimately sided with DPS, stating that their view of the statute was correct based on nothing more than opinion. Appealing to the county level was simply too expensive to pursue. I have a constitutional right to bear arms to protect myself and my family.

I am entitled to buy and possess firearms under federal and state law, and do so with no issue. I should not need a permission slip from the state government to carry a firearm outside my home and vehicle. DPS and the Texas government have no right to decide that my life and the lives of my family aren't worth protecting because they deemed I wasn't "eligible". The current laws allow them to do exactly that, and make me a felon if I disobey. I shouldn't have to choose between protecting my family or following the law. Not passing this bill will only hurt law abiding gun owners such as myself. All it takes is one violent crime to end my life or the life of a family member. And being able to carry a firearm legally could mean life or death in that scenario. Please pass constitutional carry this session.

Ron Loeffel

Self Retired

Van, TX

to defend yourself and your family

Stan Hall

Self - Self Employed Safety Consultant

Garland, TX

I believe that as someone who is a born and raised Texan, that we should not have any restrictions whatsoever as to our Constitutional Rights to carry firearms. I support Constitutional Carry in Texas.

Lisa Davis

Self

HOUSTON, TX

HB 1238 should be supported as this right is guaranteed under the U Constitution Bill of Rights. This is a Right, not a Privilege.

Arturo T. Mendoza, Mr.

Self- Retired Federal LEO, DHS

Bastrop, TX

Please support Constitutional Carry and move it forward quickly. Thank you.

Michael Saddlemire

Self

Merkel, TX

Constitutional carry should be voted into law for all Texas citizens, that are not otherwise prohibited from purchasing/possessing a firearm. This should pass without exception.

Jason Karp

Self

MCKINNEY, TX

I support this bill.

Michael Stom

Self Information Technology

Wylie, TX

I support this bill because Constitutional Carry has been proven to make states safer for law abiding citizens. Texans should not need permission to carry a firearm for self defense. Criminals intent on harming good people don't ask for permission to carry firearms and neither should law abiding Texans. Thank you.

Kristophor Carter

Self

Lakehills, TX

When the issue at hand is any amendment other than the 2nd, the personal right is defended by the majority of those on both

sides. To restrict the words one can speak, would not be acceptable. To declare one can only protest 12 to 3 pm on the 2nd Saturday of an odd month with no more than 7 people, would be utterly laughable. To declare only those religious faiths on an approved list issued by the government can be practiced, would fail completely. Yet restricting the number of rounds one can have available, where when and how one can possess their own property, or if the list of accepted firearms includes your preferred item, those are acceptable. I have no other way of applying restrictions to rights but to apply the same constraints to each of our rights and judge the results. The only right the founders specifically added a don't touch to is the very one that gets the most touching. Well regulated, militia, free state, shall not infringe, are all well and good to debate and ponder when it comes to the 2nd amendment. None of that can change the right of the people to keep and bear arms is worded so the right is not up for debate. Yet here we find ourselves. Again on the edge of having, once again, another shot heard round the world. I ask that the rights enshrined in the constitution be treated and viewed as they should, equally.

KEITH FLUD

SELF

GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

PLEASE SUPPORT HB1238. THIS IS FAR OVERDUE. RIGHTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE PURCHASED.

bradley hodges

self

austin, TX

FOR HB1238

Christopher McCollum

self

Allen, TX

If we can legally own it, we should be able to carry it. Please vote to support this. it would also be nice if the Schaefer aspect be supported where if we accidently carry somewhere and then leave when asked we don't get fined or arrested.

Phillip Wroblewski

Bear Lawn Care

FATE, TX

I support this bill. If you can legally purchase a fire arm you should be able to legally protect yourself no matter where you are. Not only do legal gun owners protect themselves, they are able to protect other unarmed patriots.

Martin Meyer

SELF SEMI RETIRED Bookkeeper

Sugar Land, TX

I am in favor of this bill all law abiding citizens of Texas should be able to legally carry a concealed firearm. Open carry should still need licensing.

Brian Morales

self

Bellaire, TX

I support this Bill and expect you to support this Bill.

Carlo Carrion

Self

Cedar Creek, TX

Law abiding Texan here would love to see my great state of Texas become a constitutional carry state.

Thank you for your time

Kenneth Calvert

Self / Mortgage Banker

Dripping Springs, TX

This is just a make sense piece of legislation. Much as many would like to deny it, there are bad people out ther that would do harm to myself or my family if given the opportunity. Sometime the need may arise and the only way to protect them would be with the use of force. As a law-abiding citizen, I believe it is our right to carry and in doing so accept the grave responsibility that comes with it. Much like driving an automobile the assumption is that only a sober and responsible law-abiding person of legal age is allowed to do so. Please enact!

Ronnie McHenry

Self

Murphy, TX

I support this bill. A person 18 and older that can legally posses a firearm and can serve our country in the military should be able to carry a firearm. I also agree that a LTC should only be needed for reciprocity and aid in purchasing a firearm. Please pass this bill or a version that also incorporates the good points in the other constitutional carry bills in front of your committee. Thanks so much for your hard work..

Nathan Gilbert

self | Information Technology

Round Rock, TX

18 other states already have this law, and it is embarrassing that Texas is not leading the support for our freedoms, afforded by our creator, and protected by the constitution.

Matthew Brocker

self

Fort Worth, TX

Texas and Federal constitutions make it clear that there should be no infringement of the inalienable right to self-defense (Bear arms). Please move all constitutional carry bills forward or explain to the voters why we should not exercise a basic right without permission slips from the government!

HB 1238, 1911, 1927, and 2900.

Any other business that restricts individual rights should be tabled.

Michael Evans

self

Canton, TX

Every legal law abiding citizen of the State of Texas should have the right to carry a firearm without restrictions per the second amendment. It should be a choice. The expectation that law enforcement can be everywhere when needed is an absolute fantasy, as there is no one in law enforcement able to provide any resemblance of this type of protection.

Aaron Childers

Self / Engineer

Magnolia, TX

I wholeheartedly support this bill. Constitutional Carry would further protect the 2nd Amendment rights of all Texans. I believe this is necessary to prevent the government arbitrarily placing undue restrictions, requirements, or costs on the issuance of a License to Carry as a means to restrict the ability of the common man to bear arms. This fear has already come to fruition in some cities and states in our country, such as the Sherriff of LA county only providing licenses to individuals and groups that donated to her campaign fund.

This bill is a great step in protecting our rights as Texans, and as Americans. I encourage every Representative to give their support to this bill.

Kenneth Schwartz

Self Financial Advisor

College Station, TX

I support this bill.

Bradley Renfro

Personal

Dallas, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Melissa Spence

myself

Allen, TX

I support this bill. Our 2nd amendment is clear on our right to keep and bear arms. No license should be required. Background checks are already in place to buy a firearm, so why are we having to license?

Please vote in favor of this bill and move it to the floor for a vote. Thank you.

Jon Franklin

self, software engineer

Pflugerville, TX

I support this bill. Self defense is a natural right, predating all others, and in today's age, that means keeping and bearing arms. Both the US and Texas constitutions recognize and codify this right, they do not grant it. The law should be: if you can legally own it, you can carry it. When criminals don't know who is armed, everyone is safer.

William Moncrief

Self / self employed care taker.

Livingston, TX

I support this bill so as to allow for the law abiding citizen to be able to protect themselves and, there families. A person should not need to ask permission to protect themselves from those who would do them harm. Criminals might rethink their life choices if there illicit actions might bring them to harm or there end. One has auto insurance and hopes to not need it, one whereas a seat belt and hopes not to use it. The same thing applies to a firearm. If you need it, but don't have it, it's too late.

Thank you for your time.

Valued Voter, William Moncrief.

Peter Stadigh

self

Crandall, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jacob Meikle

Self, retail

GEORGETOWN, TX

I support this bill. Obviously this is my right as a free citizen of the United States. Generally those who are armed are safer. Firearm licenses don't hurt criminals because criminals don't get firearm licenses. Firearm licenses only hurt law abiding citizens especially those who would be majorly inconvenienced by a firearm licensing requirement because of income or location.

Kimberly Shoemaker

Self

Abilene, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Nathan Cossin

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill because, no permit should be required to exercise a constitutional right and every citizen of Texas that can lawful have a firearm should be able to carry a handgun to protect themselves. Also not every can afford to pay for or can set aside time for the license to carry class and those a might be the people who need to protect themselves with a firearm more than others. Constitutional carry should be allowed in the great state of Texas.

Carmen Reyes

Self

Spring, TX

Please stand for us here in Texas. Stand for our rights to bare arms n protect ourselves. Whether it be in our homes ornconceal carry, or transport!

MICHAEL HOECHERL

Mike's Guns

Katy, TX

I Support this bill

Daren Smith

Self

Strawn, TX

2nd amend. Const Carry.

SETH ANDERSON

Myself as an American

kennedale, TX

I support this bill the fact that it even has to be a bill is crazy to me.

James Mandl

self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill! I support permitless carry for lawful gun owners age 18+, and advocate for no distinctions between LTC and permitless carry. All law-abiding citizens should be able to protect themselves and their families at any and all times without any form of government impediment.

Jeff Pittman

Self

San Leon, TX

I'm in support of House Bill 1238, as long as I meet the requirements of the state of Texas to legally own and possess a firearm I shouldn't have ask permission from the government to carry it.

Jeff Pittman

Oscar Garza

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill, more and more states are getting on board with constitutional carry. The more we restrict guns in these "Gun-Free" zones the more criminals will prey on people in these zones. Law abiding citations should not have to worry about which states has what laws when traveling through them. I do believe storing firearms properly is a must if you have small children that either live or visit the residents with firearms which might be readily available.

Mark Brvenik

self

Katy, TX

I support this bill, it is the Constitutional right for citizens to be able to protect themselves and their family

Naveen Mudaliar

Self

Prosper, TX

I support this bill because we have a natural right to defend ourselves outside of the home. Government has no business infringing on that right by requiring law abiding citizens to jump through hoops or pay the state to get a license to carry. Law abiding Texans should be allowed to carry a concealed firearm to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their property. I like that this bill allows law abiding gun owners aged eighteen and above, and those on college campuses, to carry concealed without a license. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor and less fortunate, the kind of people who often live in dangerous areas and would benefit from this legislation. Criminals will not be deterred just because the state requires a license because they are already determined to break the law. Eighteen states allow Constitutional carry, and violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional carry. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho). Repealing the training requirement will not endanger public safety. States that do not have training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves.

Brian Parker

Self

La Porte, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions

Jamie Whitehead

Self HVACR Technician

Cuero, TX

I fully support constitutional carry and urge the representatives to support this bill. It is high time that Texas joins the other states with constitutional carry and gives its citizens the right to protect themselves without government infringement. This bill will ensure the safety of countless residents of this great state and will also succeed in protecting the less fortunate that cannot afford to spare a dime to get a government permission slip. Contrary to the misinformation spread of the rhetoric that once this passes it will be the wild west, is just not true. I've lived abroad in various other states serving our beloved country, in the military, that have similar laws and have felt more safe and secure knowing there are others that are armed other than the criminals. For the safety and security of the residents of this state I urge you all to support constitutional carry as it was envisioned by our creator and enshrined in the constitution.

Teresa Sykora

GOA

GEORGETOWN, TX

I support this bill. As an American citizen, I believe we should be allowed to carry a firearm to protect ourselves.

Christine Watson-Hudgens

Self

Kempner, TX

I support this bill. I have long held that it is a God given right to protect oneself not a government given right. Having to pay for license only puts low income people at a disadvantage. If a person can legally own a gun then the person should have the right to legally carry that gun.

Lynne Thompson

Self

Lantana, TX

Allow the complete freedom to carry for all law abiding citizens of the United States.

Jules Boverie

self Manager

Lubbock, TX

I believe it is our duty to be able to protect our Families and work places . The Police as good as they are are a life time away when someone wants to do us harm

Noal Meharg
self / Retired Military
La Porte, TX

I support this bill! It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. The majority of states don't require a license to carry a handgun in some form. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law. Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry. Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho). Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves.

Jeff COLQUITT
GOA, TRSA
COMBINE, TX

I support this bill.
- I believe personal defence is a God given right.
- I believe a firearm is the best way for all people to defend themselves, regardless of size, age or handicap.
- I do not believe anyone has the authority to infringe on this right.
There seem to be an idea floating around that law enforcement will protect a population. In rural areas of Texas we have known for a long time that despite their efforts law enforcement can only catch and punish criminals after the crime. With criminals in today's society becoming more and more violent, the only way to prevent death or serious injury for law abiding citizens and their loved ones attacked for the \$20 in their pocket is to allow them to protect themselves in the best way possible.

Dorothy Elaine Windhorst
My self
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill, I believe the second amendment of the constitution gives us the right to carry.

Jacob Ford
"Self" Technology Support
Dayton, TX

I support this bill as it is another piece of legislation that will help reinforce our gun rights from those who wish to see us have none. It is the constitutional right of every legal and qualified citizen to be able to carry to protect themselves and others.

Valerie Manzano
self

Rio Grande City, TX

I support this bill

Robby Roden

Self / Real Estate

New Braunfels, TX

I stongly support HB 1238

Rosa Jaramillo

self

Rio Grande City, TX

I support this bill

Joshua Little

Self

Oak Point, TX

I am in strong support of constitutional carry. Texas is one of the few states that takes pride in itself and flies it's own flag. If we are truly Texas strong with such pride how is it that we as Texans can watch other states pass constitutional carry and not be the state to lead the charge. We as Texans need to show our strength, our pride and respect for its citizens and as such, not force us to pay for a license in order to protect our selves and each other. Free us from this licensing and allow us to protect our selves without the need of owning a piece of plastic declaring us eligibility to do as such. Texas strong, Texas pride. Thank you.

Hugh Robinson, Lt.

self military

Converse, TX

First I would like to thank you for representing Texans and let you know that I am writing you today to show my support for HB 1238 and to ask that you pass this bill. HB 1238 will allow Texans to carry legally owned guns to ensure their defense and the defense of family members.

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

According to the below referenced link 'Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.'^[1]

So again I am asking that you pass this bill to ensure Texas remains a free state and criminals will think twice about attacking Texans because they know we are not easy targets who have been stripped of our right to keep and bear arms.

Thank you for your time and God Bless.

reference,

[1] John Lott's PowerPoint presentation for Kentucky (from 2019, before Oklahoma and Kentucky passed Constitutional Carry):
crimeresearch.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/Kentuck-Constitutional-Carry-1.pptx

Mark Gonzalez

Self

Hutchins, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional carry is a must. We can't regulate criminals only law-abiding citizens get affected. Criminals would think twice before messing with a gun carrier. States with gun restrictions have more crime. 18 yo can go to war so must be old enough to protect him and his family here at home. Thank you

Jonathan Miller

Self EMS

Itasca, TX

There shouldn't be any laws that prohibit law-abiding citizens from carrying a firearm and protecting themselves.

David Clardy

self retired educator

Temple, TX

Texas is a state founded on constitutional freedoms and yet we are not free to truly exercise our 2nd Amendment right. It is time that Texas stopped limiting this right by allowing law abiding citizens to carry a firearm both openly and concealed.

mark mcneely

self, software architect

PLANO, TX

The phrase "an armed society is a polite society" is great guidance in dealing with uncivil behavior. Criminals don't care if they have a license, aren't legally allowed to carry, or are in a gun free zone. The only thing keeping a bad guy with a gun in check would be a good guy with a gun. If i ever find myself in the situation where I need to defend myself I'd feel better knowing there could be more good guys with guns until help arrived.

Adam Jednorau, Mr

Self

Killeen, TX

I support HB 1238. Any Texas resident who can purchase a firearm legally, should be able to carry it legally.

Dillon Duncan

Self, Maintenance Technician

LUBBOCK, TX

I support this bill because I believe that law abiding citizens should not have to anything additional to be able to carry out their right to protect themselves and those they love. Furthermore, the idea that a person can purchase and keep a weapon legally but becomes a criminal when they take it in public makes no sense. If you can own it you should be able to carry it without a permit.

Gladys Flournoy

myself

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Joseph Tyson

Self

Howe, TX

Please pass this bill the second amendment ends with the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed upon and requiring a license is infringing on this right

Raul Chapa

Taul J Chapa

Brownsville, TX

I fully support HB 1238. Please act so this bill can become law.

Justin Wood

Self

BRIDGE CITY, TX

I support this bill

Kenneth Rich

Self, Project Manager IT

Rosenberg, TX

Good Day. I support Constitutional Carry in the great state of Texas. IF I am legal to own a firearm, then my ability to CARRY my firearm to protect not only myself, but loved ones as well, should not be hindered by the requirement of a licence. As we watched cities burn last year and innocent people MURDERED in the streets due to civil unrest along with complete lack of respect for law & order, the ability to protect oneself is at an all time high. At no other time in our nations great history have we seen such unrest, both social and political...with NO END IN SIGHT. We have several examples which prove without a doubt, and is not even open for debate, that carrying a fire arm responsibly saves lives. Most recently, in our great state Jack Wilson-Church of Christ-White Settlement Texas-Put a quick stop to a shooting spree that could have cost many more lives than it did. In 2007 Matthew Murray killed four people at Colorado Spring church before being shot by church member and volunteer security

guard Jeanne Assam. There are COUNTLESS more instances where armed citizens have saved lives but you will never hear about them in the main stream news. An armed society is a polite society. Again, not open for debate. I urge our state legislatures to do what's right-Support Constitutional Carry for the great state of Texas. There are currently 13 constitutional carry states in the U.S. and two states with constitution carry for residents only. Why is Texas not one of them? The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution gives me the right to keep AND bear arms. There is no mention of a LICENSE requirement to do so.

Matt Dale

Self

Sanger, TX

I support constitutional carry in Texas. This has been needed for many years so many other states have surpassed our available freedom. My entire family supports constitutional carry. This is a great opportunity for Texans and liberty. Thank you

Matt Alan

Self

Sanger, TX

I support this bill.

Charles Erwin

Self

Carrollton, TX

I support this Bill and all other Constitutional Carry Bills. Permitless carry has always been a Natural Right in America PROTECTED by the Second Amendment IN WRITING.

EVERY anti gun law on the books is Unconstitutional. We've seen our Elections stolen and we're tired of Deepstate Politicians. Its time to start supporting Lawful Law again. Constitutional Carry is a good start!

Aramis Gulbeyan.Sr

Lone star armory

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill without any opposition

Matthew Sugerman

Self

Roanoke, TX

As a Texas resident, I support this Bill. This a not unprecedented concept as other states, such as Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia & Wyoming currently allow law-abiding individuals to carry a handgun without a government-issued permit. Additionally, Texas currently allows lawfully-possessed long guns to be carried openly without a state-issued license, and handguns concealed in a motor vehicle, boat or recreational vehicle without a LTC. Law-abiding citizens can also

carry handguns without a license on their own premises or on premises under their control.

Robert Rojas

self

WEATHERFORD, TX

It is time for the Great State of Texas to lead the way in rights and freedoms that have been taken away from Law Biding Texans have been saddles with. Native and Naturalized Texans should have the right to carry canceled or open without the need to have to ask government for permission to do so. One at this time should be able to defend oneself and family as well without the need or burden of a license that is nothing more than a permission slip from the state to exercise a right that should be open to all law biding Texans at this time.

Dr. Dwayne Collins

Self

Ben Wheeler, TX

Isn't this constitutional carry? I am for it.

John LaVrar

Self

TULIA, TX

Constitutional Carry is the basic principle that if you are legally eligible to purchase a firearm, you should be able to carry that weapon, concealed, for self-defense without government "permission."

Constitutional Carry laws recognize the right of every law-abiding citizen to carry a firearm, openly or concealed, on their person, without having to receive government permission in the form of a mandatory state-issued permit.

These laws affirm the nature of our individual God-given right to be armed, as codified in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which states:

"A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Bruce Howell

self

San Angelo, TX

I support this bill.

Our law officers arrive after an attack. They do not prevent it in most cases. The recent tragedy in Colorado reminds us of that.

With terrible frequency, we see unarmed citizens lose their lives, suffer sexual assault and/or survive with

permanent disability --

--because they did not have the tools to counter an assault by a larger, stronger attacker, by an armed attacker or by multiple assailants.

Those people and their families are often victims twice -- victims of their attackers, but also victims of governmental burdens and restrictions which discouraged them from carrying the tool which might have saved them -- in the moment when they needed it most.

Texans are watching carefully to see whether their representatives will stand up for their rights, or whether they will bow to the organized special interests that are often affiliated with out-of-state groups working to endanger Texans by limiting their access to the tools of self-defense.

We hope you will vote for this bill, and vote to return the very basic right of self-defense to Texas families.

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David Hold

Self Operation Supervisor

Boyd, TX

Today "We the People" find ourselves in dire circumstances. OUR, that's yours and mine, most basic liberties are not being threatened they are actively being taken away. " We the PEOPLE" are guaranteed these rights by being a part of this United States of America. It says so in our CONSTITUTION period. It does not say maybe or whenever it's convenient or when someone else says so. IT SAYS IT IS GRANTED TO US. We agreed to that when we joined this union. That same Constitution says The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. Why is there any debate necessary when it is so plainly stated as the law of the land. There is no question here. It is not only within your power it is your responsibility as our elected representatives to defend and protect the 2nd Amendment. Do your duty and vote YEA for HB1238 and all related bills.

James Henderson

Self

Fort Worth, TX

I support this bill

Karl Meyer

Personal

Port Lavaca, TX

Every law abiding person should have the right to carry a gun at their discretion. No law should constitute other wise.

Chris Uberig
Self, retired
Wichita Falls, TX

I support this bill because it removes the requirement to gain government permission to exercise a constitutional and fundamental right to self defense. This bill will also eliminate any financial burden related to acquiring a LTC.

Many states do not require a LTC and in fact four of the top five safest states are Constitutional Carry states as rated by US News. Ref; <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/crime-and-corrections/public-safety>

Please support HB 1238, thank you.

Gary Knight
self
Little Elm, TX

Please support HB 1238. This bill protects our God given right to protect ourselves , and our loved ones.

david wilton, mr
self
cresson, TX

i support this bill .it is your god given right to protect ones self.

Bruce Burnett
Self
Lakeside, TX

Constitutional carry

David Freerksen
Self. Software developer
Eules, TX

With all of the mass shooting and chaos going on in the country right now, it would be great to be able to protect myself and my family, as the 2nd Amendment already states I can do.

Kenneth Green
Texas citizens
Kirbyville, TX

Shall not be infringed.

Patricia Terranova

Self - Executive Administrative Assistant

Katy, TX

This is stated perfectly and reflects my sentiments, taken from: <https://freedom-school.com/law/second-amendment-for-dummies.html>

"A well-regulated Militia, ...

a 'militia' is a bunch of Citizens that provide their own arms and accouterments, meet occasionally to be trained and are organized. YOU and me are IN the U.S.A. militia by decree of the U.S. Constitution IF you have acknowledged that you are a U.S.A. Citizen/National.

> ... being necessary...

Such a militia -- made up of YOU and ME -- is not a luxury or subject to whim, it's NECESSARY. This is the ONLY thing the entire Constitution says is NECESSARY. It's the only place the WORD 'NECESSARY' appears in the document. The Constitution does NOT say Congress is necessary. The Constitution does NOT say the President is necessary. The Constitution does NOT say the Supreme Court is necessary. The Constitution does NOT even say MONEY is necessary. The Constitution says ONLY THE MILITIA MILITIA IS NECESSARY. Why is this? Because "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

> ... to the security of a free State, ...

If you want SECURITY and you want FREEDOM, it is NECESSARY to have a political structure that will provide that. Why is this? Because "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

> ... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Since the United States is a SELF-governing nation, the POLITICAL STRUCTURE that it is governed by is "WE THE PEOPLE", thus the People, organized as a militia, have the right to KEEP and BEAR ARMamentS. This means, since you are a member of the militia by virtue of the fact that you claim to be a USA Citizen/National, you have the right to HAVE and OWN guns and you have the right to KEEP such guns on your PERSON (body) whenever and wherever you wish -- even as you walk about Virginia State University or into the Oval Office.

Glen Gilmore

Self /rancher

Salt Flat, TX

"Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions."

HB 1238 & HB 2900 simply state that if you can legally possess a handgun, you can carry it -- open or concealed -- to protect yourself and your loved ones without having to beg for government permission.

In other words, as a law-abiding citizen, you shouldn't need any "permission slip" from the government to carry your lawfully possessed handgun.

Under Constitutional Carry, the current permitting system will remain in place as optional for residents to obtain a License To Carry, allowing carry in other states (reciprocity).

The only difference is a citizen is not FORCED to ask for government permission in order to exercise this important

constitutional right inside state lines.

You can already openly carry your long gun (shotgun or rifle) in Texas without a permit.

But if you try to carry a handgun open or concealed without a permit in Texas, you're made a criminal!
What non-sense!

It's time politicians in Austin put an end to this disparity between long guns and handguns by passing true Constitutional Carry legislation!

That's why it's so important you urge the committee to support HB 1238 & HB 2900

James Rogers

Self

Malakoff, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Juan Telmont

self / Small Business Owner

Spring, TX

"I support this bill,"

Jared Marchant

self

Desoto, TX

I support this bill and would like to see it passed. I find it unreasonable that I need to ask permission to exercise a US Constitutional right. The second amendment is the only amendment in which citizens required to get permission from the state before being allowed to exercise said right.

Van Emerson

Self - Welder

Marshal, TX

I support this Bill HB 1238 by Biedermann

"Where armed citizens are present, fewer criminals are willing to step forward" ~ Van Brian Emerson

The legislated requirement of ANY formalities, hurdles or hoops to jump through for the exercising of my God given 2nd Amendment right is suppression of my 2nd Amendment right.

As a Marine Veteran I DID NOT serve in my Marine Corps for the OPPORTUNITY to battle with my government for the free exercise of my 2nd Amendment right, I served to secure the 2nd Amendment for myself and others without having to battle for

it's free exercise.

Formalities, hoops, hurdles and requirements inhibiting the free exercise of carrying a firearm are SUPPRESSION of the right to carry a firearm.

Carrying a firearm IS NOT a PRIVILEGE requiring permission and that perception has been allowed far too long here in my great State Of Texas.

End 2nd Amendment suppression...

Mike Jackson

self - retired

Lufkin, TX

I fully support HB 1238 - The Texas Constitutional Carry Act of 2021. The right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed under the Second Amendment to the US constitution. As a law abiding citizen, that is the only permit I need to carry a weapon for my personal defense.

Samuel Torres

Self

Kirbyville, TX

I support constitutional carry for those who can legally own a firearm

David Twigg

Self

Ben wheeler, TX

Stand firm on constitutional carry

Beryl Cotton

Self Engineer retired

Lexington, TX

I support HB1238. This bill supports the 2nd amendment for firearms to be carried by citizens that can legally carry without any licensing requirement. The Texas licensing requirement is a violation of the 2nd amendment which allows possession firearms. It is important that all citizens may legally carry a firearm if they choose in order to protect themselves and their families. Law enforcement is not present when situations arise that require self protection. With the opening of the southern border without vetting of those entering allows dangerous criminals to enter Texas. The bill should be approved quickly and moved to the House for a vote.

Larry Barrientes

Self

Johnson city, TX

Please get this bill passed. It is long overdue.

Patrick Ballantyne

Self - Attorney

San Antonio, TX

I support the passage of this bill. The inherent rights of free people include not only the right to keep arms but also to bear them. Our handgun licensing process has demonstrated its own obsolescence by showing that law abiding citizens are not a threat to public safety. I respectfully encourage the committee members to vote to deregulate the exercise our fundamental right to self-protection.

Tyler Cruse

Cruse Creations

Corinth, TX

The idea of Constitutional Carry has proven to not have any negative side effects in the other states that implemented such a law. It also will add to the law abiding citizens that will have the tools needed for self defense. The "ordinary" people is the group that is always adversity affected laws that run up the cost (both time and money) for gun ownership. They are many times the same people that end up living in places where crime is high and law enforcement is not as timely.

James Schultz

princesspools/nra

HOUSTON, TX

I support constitution Carry,
I'm an nra handgun instructor specializing in ladies handgun. Because ladies need to be able to protect themselves. And a handgun is the ultimate equalizer . A petite lady against a 200 lb attacker needs an equilizer.
Making it difficult for ladies to protect themselves with a God given right is a unjust and needs to be made more redilly available..
Thank you for your time

Travis Block

Self

Mont Belvieu, TX

Good morning,
I support this bill. In our current federal political climate this bill is important for all the citizens residing in Texas. Personally I have two wonderful daughters that would benefit from being able to protect themselves from people with less than good intentions. The federal legislatures are feverishly trying to infringe on the second amendment and I believe this bill would send a message to them and other states that our 2nd amendment is not to be infringed upon. Every Texan has a right to protect themselves from deadly threats and often just the sight of an armed populace will deter criminals from committing violent acts. I encourage you to do the right thing here. Texans are depending on you. Thank you and have a good day.

Edward Foust

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I am in full agreement on this bill.

Roy Shields

Self/Retired

Kerrville, TX

Please support HB 1238. The restrictions on carrying a handgun in public are relics from the past and have a racist background. There is zero evidence that Constitutional Carry presents a danger to the public. There is evidence that violent crimes decrease in States whose citizens exercise their inherent right to carry a handgun.

Larry Walsted

Self / Self Employeed

Lancaster, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Timothy Strong

Self, IT

Colleyville, TX

Everyone has a natural right to self defense. If you are an adult you have the right to defend yourself with firearms and no government should infringe upon that right with few exceptions. I fully support this bill.

Jason Joplin

Self

Sweetwater, TX

We the People have a Constitutional Right to bare Arms. We should never have to ask Permission!

Charles Crouse

Self, IT Operations Division Manager

Bryan, TX

I SUPPORT this bill for the following reasons:

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.

Clifton Cartmel Jr

"Self" disability

Robinson, TX

I support constitutional carry rights!

Blake Birdwell

Self

Graham, TX

The fact our great state is so far behind so many other states in allowing us the freedoms guaranteed by the second amendment is a stain on our reputation and history. We don't need a special license from the state for any other constitutionally guaranteed RIGHT so I'm not sure how it's ok to require one for carrying a pistol. Hb 1238 must be passed and made a priority.

Vincent Eddings

Self

Austin, TX

I am urging you to do away with the paid permit system here in Texas, and pass this bill favoring Constitutional Carry in the State of Texas. Charging law abiding citizens for exercising a Constitutional RIGHT, is criminal. Your vote will be noted and remembered in the next elections.

Francis Fox

Self

Kingsland, TX

I completely support HB1238 and firmly believes in the 2nd Amendment as our founding fathers given us to bear arms by right to defend ourselves from the evildoers and tyrants without any permit nor infringement

Carson Keys

Self

Dallas, TX

It's time for the state of Texas to change its unconstitutional and archaic laws regarding peaceful and lawful citizens right to conceal a firearm. Texas claims to be a freedom loving state. Prove it. Your support, or lack thereof, for this bill will not soon be forgotten by your constituents, the people.

Justin Kargel

self

COPPELL, TX

I support this bill. As a proud, law abiding citizen of Texas, I believe in my, and other law abiding citizens', right to self defense. I believe the Constitution of the United States guarantees me that right in the Bill of Rights and states "shall not be infringed". I believe this bill helps line the great state of Texas back up with the intended direction of the US Constitution. Any person who can legally own a firearm, should be able to carry that firearm for themselves, their family, and their loved ones. This bill helps me to keep myself and my family safe and, if you look at the true stats, helps reduce crime overall as well. I look forward to seeing the support from the committees and the citizens of Texas.

Trevor Harding

Self

Ovilla, TX

Please restore our constitutional rights!
We demand them!

Kevin Harvill

Self

Forney, TX

“The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”. Some may say it doesn’t infringe by making people pay to be able to bear arms in public, I say tell that to the others like me who are unable to find work and so are unable to pay for the right to bear arms. Tell the single mother working two jobs to stay afloat she isn’t allowed her right to bear arms to protect her self and kids in public because she didn’t pay for the right. No other amendments are attacked as much as the 2nd and without it we will lose all others over time. I say it’s time Texas (obviously the best state in the union) joins the ranks of the other free states and allow its residents to freely bear arms open or concealed without forcing people to pay for the right given to them. Thanks if you took the this.

Billy Kimble

Self

Weatherford, TX

I recommend passing HB1238. Thank you for your support.

Scott Dickerson

Na

Fairfield, TX

I support it. I should not have to ask permission to protect myself and my family when away from my home. The criminals are guaranteed to have firearms on them regardless and i should be able to be armed without having to go thru all the red tape required to get a ltc. Many other states have already passed constitutional carry. It is an infringement on my constitutional right to require a license before i can protect myself , my family, and others.

Brandon Ingram

Self

Midlothian, TX

I am in support of this bill. It is a constitutional right to keep and bare arms. People have the right to protect themselves and their family from non-law abiding citizens. Gun control laws do not prohibit crimes, they put a target on areas where people have no protections and criminals know that. Please support this bill and give Texas citizens back the right to protect what they hold most near and dear to their hearts.

James Seelig

Self sales

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Anything Kyle Biedermann proposes should be illegal

Robert Olinger

Self

Oakwood, TX

Support

Marti Parker

Self

Bulverde, TX

Every citizen has the right to protect themselves.
We should be permitted to carry, and transport a firearm. It's our Constitutional right.

Jimmy Phillips

Self

Nacogdoches, TX

This right should have never been taken away from us. It's time for the Texas Legislature to stop dragging its feet and restore this Constitutional right.

Christopher Herman

Self, Windows Support Engineer

Wylie, TX

The right to keep and bear arms should not be limited by a licensing program. People that feel that they are in danger and need to carry a weapon should not need to go through a four step process spanning a couple months in order to finally carry that gun. They should be able to strap on the gun as soon as they are aware of danger and have the option of defending their life and family.

Antoine jefferson

Self

Providence Village, TX

I believe this bill is long overdue for Texas citizens. We have the responsibility to arm ourselves without the red tape of DPS. We have to hold ourselves and other accountable for being armed and free in the case we may need to defend our families, others or ourselves. Please ensure this bill is heard and is passed for a free Texas!

Lewis Moore

Self. Retired

New Braunfels, TX

Not only me but my family and friends support this bill. The second amendment is our guide. We need the ability to carry without impunity not only in Texas but nationally. I am retired and enjoy traveling in Texas and other states. We must have the ability to protect ourselves legally.

John Oliver

Self, retired

Joaquin, TX

I support this bill, as a lifetime Texas I have seen our rights, especially gun rights, disappearing. I jus wish I saw my rep. Paddy's name on these bills.

Richard Gassaway II

Self

Elm Mott, TX

I served this country and took an oath to support and defend the constitution. Then I came home only to have to pay a fee to exercise my second ammendment right. The second ammendment says the right to bear arms shall not be infringed. That right afforded to us by our creator shouldn't have a fee and license attached to it. Could you imagine having to pay a fee and get and license to go to church? While those at the federal level seek to infringe on our rights with bills like H.R. 127 Texas representatives should seek more freedom for their constituents.

Jeffrey Bevill

Self

Longview, TX

Texas should have already instituted constitutional carry as our neighbors to the north have done. The constitution is the king here and it specifically says “shall not be infringed” while speaking of the second amendment. With the massive influx of unknown illegal immigrants flowing into our state we need this right to protect ourselves and those around us. Why is it acceptable to Constitutional carry after a natural disaster in Texas but not on a normal day??? When open carry was instituted in Texas we heard the same complaints from liberals “oh shootings are going to increase, Texas will look like the Wild West!!!!” but as we all knew none of that ever happened. Please start listening to Texans and let us have our full God given rights.

Delton Sturgis

Self

Bandera, TX

It is way past time for constitutional carry in the Great state of Texas.

Sylvia Coulson

Self Dietitian

Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill. Bans on handguns were established as a racist measure in the south during reconstruction. It is time to end this racist practice.

Michael Voogd

Self, student

Tomball, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. The coronavirus pandemic had proven beyond doubt that requirements to go to a class and then apply for a permit from the government infringes upon our second amendment rights. Many have been unable to find or unable to afford the amount of ammunition that is required for a license to carry class, as demand for ammunition has risen the price to unaffordable levels, and finding ammunition in stock has been virtually impossible at points. This is on top of the wait for approval of the forms and the cost of the license. With many Texans losing their jobs or having no time for such a class, the LTC requirements attack the second amendment rights of those individuals who need them most. This slight against low income and jobless Texans can only be corrected by allowing citizens to carry their self defense tool without a license.

Miguel Martinez, PO1, USN Ret.

Self / Fellow Texans

Corpus Christi, TX

I served honorably in the United States Navy from 1996 until my Retirement in 2016. In that time there was much conflict and I was defending my country overseas, I learned that this is a dangerous world full of evil. The only thing that stands between evil and the innocent are good people willing to take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others. The predatory minded are usually weak and cowardly. They seek soft targets and only prey on those they know cannot defend themselves. By allowing our citizens to take more responsibility for their own safety we empower them and discourage aggressive behaviors of those who would harm them. This bill is long overdue. Please do not be influenced or pressured by antigun rhetoric. Disarming law abiding citizens only gives more advantage to those that would harm them. I would ask you to please support this bill. Support the people of Texas. Make official their God given and natural human right to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Respectfully,

Miguel Angel Martinez

PO1, USN Ret.

Fredda Jones

Self

Comanche, TX

We must retain rights for Texans.

Lorraine Lawrence

Myself

Boerne, TX

I support constitutional carry without restrictions in Texas. This should include all legal citizens.

Please support our constitutional rights.

This should also include protecting firearms and ammunition from taxation designed to be back door prohibition of these same constitutional rights

Texas should be leading the nation on this, not miles behind.

Rafael Bueno

My Family

Andrews, TX

The carrying of a fire Arm is a constitutional right that shouldn't be infringed by Requirements of Licensing for taxation. Constitutional carry should be implemented in our great state if we wish to keep our family's safe in the Troubling times we are living in. I feel this would be a win for freedom and for the people of Texas specially right now that there is so much at stake Concerning out Second amendment freedoms...

Rebecca Buckner

Myself

Fort Worth, TX

My mom, Ruth Upton, was murdered by a drunk with a handgun. She was unarmed. Im always armed. All women should have the choice to defend themselves.

Jeffery Dean

Family

George West, TX

With the catastrophic events happening on our southern border, the citizens of Texas need more protection than ever. Border Patrol is overwhelmed and while many of us support immigrations, there are some very bad people slipping through such as convicted felons, MS-13 and other gang members that have bad intentions. As a resident of Live Oak county, normally a quiet and relatively safe are to live, we're dealing with bail outs and property damage like never before. Just yesterday in Pearsall more than 150 illegals exited an 18 wheeler prompting authorities to lock down the town.

Texans demand the ability to protect their families, neighbors, and themselves.

I strongly support HB 1238 by Mr. Beidermann and ask that you do as well.

Thank you.

Dawn Martin

self

Eules, TX

I am writing to support HB1238 by Rep. Biedermann. The US Constitution, Amendment 2 states A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. The most important part "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED". There is zero caveat to that statement. It does not say that ANY law can be made to change Amendment 2, either. Therefore, ALL laws pertaining to any regulation of firearms are 100% Unconstitutional and should therefore be abolished in their entirety! While HB 1238 does not completely abolish them, it is a step in the right direction. I, therefore, wish to register my support of the passing of this bill.

Thomas Payne
Every U.S. citizen
Village Mills, TX

My rights were endowed to me by my creator. We have a God given right to protect ourselves period, by any means possible. The second amendment of our constitution not only guarantees that right, it says it shall not be Infringed. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." Every gun law is illegal and an infringement. We need, now more than ever, to secure this free state. Pass this bill, as it is one of the few that is worthy of protecting Freedom!

It's common sense!
Thomas Payne

Gloria Twiford
SELF, Home wife
Troup, TX

Vote yes for Constitutional carry in the homeland security hearing- HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900

Sherri Shadle
Self
Aspermont, TX

I believe in Constitutional carry for law abiding citizens. No fees, no licenses, no government interference in the buying, owning, carrying, or storing of any and all weapons, ammuniton, and peripherals. It's time we take "shall not be infringed" seriously.

David Lizalde
Self
El Paso, TX

I support this bill

Jonathan Tippett
Self/Mechanical Engineer
Houston, TX

I support this bill. I became a new gun owner as of January 2020. As a law abiding citizen who desire to protect my family and loved ones this bill needs to be pass for law abiding citizens like myself.

Doris Everitt

Self -

Lubbock, TX

I support Constitutional Carry.

Ray marchetta

myself

flower mound, TX

Please support or co-sponsor 3/23/21

HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900, SB 540, and SJR 24.

Texas has always been a free state that does not infringe on Second Amendment rights. Eighteen states already have a form of Constitutional Carry. We should not be this far down the line. So many other states are working diligently to denude people's rights. Now is the time. Many liberal minded individuals are moving here from liberal states for other reasons. If it doesn't happen soon it may never happen. Preserve and protect the historical Texas culture. Criminals don't care about any gun laws. Thank you to those who submitted these bills.

Sincerely,

Raymond Marchetta

Scott Dickerson

Na

Fairfield, TX

I support . The carrying of a firearm to protect myself and my family should not be contingent on me having to ask permission from the government. It is a God given right to protect oneself and an infringement on my constitutional rights to require me to seek a license to carry a firearm for said protection.

Michele Wallace

Self, Retired

Waxahachie, TX

I would like to go on record as being FOR this Bill.

Robert Lubecker

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support this bill.

Brian Vinson

Self

Terrell, TX

I support this bill. It would better if it eliminated gun free zones, but restoration of civil rights (US 2nd Amendment) is welcome however we can get there.

Derek Walker

Self- Retired from Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

Oakhurst, TX

First of all, it is our God given right to defend ourselves.

It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.

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Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

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Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and

public safety stays the same or improves.
We are Texans, we should be leading the Country in freedom.

Abe Redekopp

Texas

Fort Worth, TX

We need this! There's no reason why law abiding citizens should have to ask for additional permission to carry the means to protect themselves when it's already promised in the constitution.

Aimee Cerka

Self

Grand Prairie, TX

I completely support this bill

Derek Walker

Self- Retired from Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

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David Thompson

Self, homebuilder

Fredericksburg, TX

I am in full support of this bill removing restrictions on carrying a firearm in the state of Texas. The constitution says this right shall not be infringed and any license or fee regarding firearms is in contradiction to the constitution. The state of Texas needs to make this into law ASAP to reinforce the constitution and also to block any potential gun laws coming from the Biden White House.

Katherine Goodwin

Myself

Fort Worth, TX

I fully support this bill. We as Texans shall not be infringed upon regarding our right to bear arms, as provided in the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. Constitutional Carry should be the standard for Texas.

Richard Husek

self

CARROLLTON, TX

I support the passage of this bill.

Andy Taylor, Mr

Self

Brownwood, TX

We need Constitutional carry in Texas ! Other states already have , Texas needs to get er done ! I support HB 1238 , please support this bill !

Elizabeth Wilson

Self retired

Azle, TX

Support

Patrick Williams

Self - Quality Management System Consultant and Auditor

HOUSTON, TX, TX

It is our unfringed right guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to keep and bear arms. There is no provision in the Constitution that allows for infringement of this right. If you love the Constitution of the United States of America then show your support for the unfettered right to keep and bear arms.

Paul Zalar

All Texans

Fort Worth, TX

Time and time again courts have affirmed that the police have no duty to protect citizens. "To serve and protect" is nothing then slogan used by the LAPD 1963 Police Academy and is not a constitutional duty of peace officers. The individual is his/her own first responder and he/she is the only one responsible for protecting oneself.

The constitution states that our creator has endowed us with inalienable rights; life, liberty, and the pursuit. Liberty is the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions. Requesting a license to be purchased to "buy back" the legal authority to exercise a right violates ones liberty and is unconstitutional. One should have the liberty to protect their life anyway one sees fit.

Requiring a license to be purchased, LTC, is not only unconstitutional but it displays the message that only people with the money to buy their rights back deserve to exercise them and therefore is an oppressive restriction. If one is legally allowed to possess a firearm then he/she should be allowed to carry it in whatever manner they chose without having to purchase government permission.

Gun rights are human rights. Therefore HB1238 needs to pass and give us citizens back our liberty.

John Biernacki

Self

Caddo Mills, TX

The Constitution of The United States of America clearly states in the 2nd amendment that the rights of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. Keep Texas safe from the over reach of the Left in charge in Washington. Constitution carry is our right period. Thank You

Blake Leiber

Self

Austin, TX

I am a Texan mother of two and strongly oppose permitless carry. With the recent shootings in Atlanta and Boulder, it is becoming clearer and clearer that legislation to allow people without a permit, background check and safety training to carry a gun is a dangerous idea. Permitless carry would remove safeguards that prevent dangerous people from getting access to guns.

Steve Chapman

self

Cleburne, TX

please vote yes for this bill and move it forward ASAP BEFORE FEDERAL LAW TRIES TO TAKE OUR RIGHTS AWAY AND FOR MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

Brady McKinney

Brady McKinney

Cleburne, TX

Texans, have a constitutional right to own and carry a firearm. So long as they are not otherwise prevented due to previous assessments by judge or jury.

Thomas Duke

Self / Attorney

Canton, TX

I support this bill because it more closely aligns Texas with the Texas and United States Constitutions and the individual liberty, freedom and responsibility enshrined in these founding documents. I was surprised to learn that Texas is lagging behind many other states in allowing permitless carry of firearms by law-abiding citizens who otherwise qualify to own and possess a firearm. Also, the distinction drawn between the right to carry a rifle without a permit in public and the requirement of securing a license to carry a handgun in public is non-sensical. Permitless carry of handguns, especially by women and the elderly who are vulnerable to attack and largely defenseless, would provide an additional layer of protection and security for them. The recent shootings in Atlanta and Boulder should not affect support for this bill; permitless carry of handguns does not make what tragically happened in these places more likely and, indeed, may make them less likely. I urge you to pass this bill.

Audrey Whitesides

Self-Business Owner

Millsap, TX

I support constitutional carry! It is my 2nd amendment right! We need more firearms in the hands of good citizens!

Tara Petsch

Self

Klein, TX

I am a mother of 4 and I have my conceal carry license, but I shouldn't have to take a class and pay fees for this right. Under the constitution, all Americans have to right to bear arms, so who is the government to say I cannot protect my family? Constitutional carry for all Texans, now!

Debra Brown

Self Healthcare Administration

Amarillo, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions. Texans need the protection afforded in these bills. Neighboring states such as Oklahoma already have these protections. I am asking you to stand up in support of these bills and get them approved for the citizens of Texas.

Lance Heidt

Self

Copperas Cove, TX

After serving 20+ yrs in the military, I believe I have enough training and discipline to carry a firearm. According to the forefather we are all allowed to carry a firearm if we want to, understandably there are some differences in today's firearms, however fundamentally they are the same load aim fire. I believe if you haven't committed any type of crime and are mentally stable there shouldn't be a reason for an individual to not be allowed to carry a firearm.

william hissam

retired

mesquite, TX

It would be really nice of you-all to make it a law that people who do not have enough money to obtain a carry permit could carry just because we want to without all the money involved. I can pass a background check and shot marksman and expert in the u s army. I am now 77 yrs old and cannot defend myself against a gang banger carrying a pistol as well as I used to. THANK you in advance for making this bill pass.

Eric Saldana

SELF

ELDORADO, TX

I am a resident of Texas and a registered voter and I am in support of this bill

Larry Pullen

Self/ retired educator

Texarkana, TX

When I was a child in school I remember the entire class being punished because of the bad behavior of one student. I never felt it was just to punish me for the bad behavior of one student. ESPECIALLY when I was behaving by the teachers classroom rules! It is NOT JUST to punish a law abiding citizens for the crimes of others. Deny the Second Amendment rights of the criminals to carry firearms and NOT the law-abiding citizens. Please pass permitless carry of firearms for those with no criminal history. Thank you.

Patrick Franks

Citizen

Burkburnett, TX

It's sad that Oklahoma beat Texas in a constitutional Carry Bill Texas needs this to pass and it should be one of our rights to do this.

CHRIS DEBONIS

Self

Katy, TX

Make texas a constitutional carry state.

Shane Holmes

Self - Law Enforcement

Sanderson, TX

I support this bill. As a member of law enforcement, I realize that more often than not it is up to individual people to protect themselves. Law enforcement can not be there as the crime is happening. I support the right of people to defend themselves with a firearm, at 18, if they can legally own one. When my daughter leaves the house at 18, I want her to be able to carry a handgun for protection without the government infringing that right. Please pass this bill with unrestricted language.

BRIAN ESTILL

Self - Insurance Adjuster

STEPHENVILLE, TX

Please support Constitutional carry. Law abiding citizens should not need permission to defend themselves.

Erik Scmidt

self - unemployed

burleson, TX

I want CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY OF FIREARMS IN TX! NO PERMITS!

Jessie Vaughan

Self

Midlothian, TX

I support HB 1238. I believe that self defense is a fundamental right of all humans. We should not have to rely on the government for a right that is God given.

Anthony Mottla

Anthony Mottla Architects, Inc.

Waxahachie, TX

As a law-abiding Texan, I fully-support HB 1238- and the right of my fellow citizens to protect themselves and their families by lawfully carrying a firearm without the current regulations and restrictions. Texas should have been a model for this long ago. Instead, currently almost twenty states- most recently Utah and Tennessee, have recognized and adopted into law, this tenet of our Second Amendment Rights- where inexplicably, Texas is still debating it. In an increasingly-dangerous social and political climate- where it seems to many that our core values as a state and as a nation are under-assault, this legislation to validate and to protect our ability to legally possess and carry a firearm is not only timely- but long overdue.

Respectfully,

Anthony Mottla
Waxahachie

David Smith
Self/Network Analyst
Burleson, TX

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Juan Tostado, Mr.
self
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill because the 2nd amendment is under constant attack. It protects law-abiding citizens from the government's infringement on the right to bear arms. The founding father felt this right was important to be apart of the bill of rights. Carrying a weapon is the ultimate equalizer to ensure the safety of oneself and family. I have a younger sister that is small in stature. Her vehicle was broken into. Luckily, she wasn't in the vehicle, but a weapon again is the ultimate equalizer and could ensure her safety. I support this bill as a law-abiding citizen in Texas.

Tamah Bullock
Myself
Smithville, TX

The constitution specifically entitles every citizen to keep & bear arms! I have a constitutional right to protect myself, my family & my property!!!

Greg Harris
Self
McAllen, TX

I support this constitutional carry bill. Texans should not need a license to legally carry a firearm, a right that is enshrined in the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution. Most of the states do not require a license to carry (LTC); it is time Texas recognizes that right as well.

Requiring a LTC is creating a financial barrier to our poorest citizens that deny them of their constitutional right to bear arms and

likely creates a disparate impact in effect discriminating against our minority population. Do not forget, bans on carrying handguns were originally enacted by southern states to keep minorities from carrying guns. All our citizens deserve their rights, it should not be dependent upon financial means.

Texas will be safer with constitutional carry in place. Violent crime rates have decreased in other states with the passing of constitutional carry.

It is time to do what is right for ALL Texas residents (that can legally possess a firearm) and pass constitutional carry, I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Jonathan Harding

Self

Farmers branch, TX

As stated in constitution we as law abiding citizens have the right to bear arms and protect ourselves. There should be no grey area when regarding this amendment for legal lawful citizens.

Keitha Parker

Self Veterinary Assistant, owner of Parker farm

New Boston, TX

Constitutional carry gun laws should protect legal gun owners. I was attacked and nearly killed because I was not armed. I walked in on a burglary that turned violent. Had I been armed I would not have had over 60 stitches and staples and the man that attacked me would not have continued his crime spree. I urge each of you to protect legal gun owners. With Mr Biden's immigration policy Texans have a more urgent need for self protection without worrying that they would be jailed for protecting themselves.

Stephen Cohn

Self

Spring, TX

I support the right to carry a firearm by anyone not prohibited to own one. Many States have enacted some form of Constitutional carry without problems. Texas is falling behind in protecting gun rights and is now below average.

Adam Harding

Self

Mingus, TX

It's our constitutional right to carry a firearm how we see fit without government intervention, I support this bill

Jon Beckham

self - Retail Manager

Mesquite, TX

I do not support any gun control law beyond restricting age to purchase to that of enlistment age and restricting possession

outside the home of those convicted of a violent crime.

This country has a long history of gun laws that date back to the colonies. One of the first was to prevent slaves and indentured servants from possessing them. The concern was that the elite were outnumbered (by their slaves/servants) by as much as 20 to 1 and they wanted to prevent uprisings. All subsequent laws have been along the same vein either overtly or blatant. Gun control laws are and have always been racist/classicist.

Gun control laws do not take gun out of the hands of those intending to commit crimes. Look at New Zealand's current situation if you need a clear indication. These laws DO however make criminals out of people who do not intend to break them by making obscure technicalities into felonies. Most gun control laws have the end effect of creating a new tax/license fee that the poor cannot afford thus again, keeping firearms out of the hands of good people in the most crime vulnerable communities. Make no mistake, if you are wealthy enough in this country today you can legally have a tank, a fully automatic machine gun, even a fighter/bomber. If you are poor, you will likely spend some amount of time in jail for defending your home and family.

Lastly, whether you like it or not (and I do not) we as Texans have the blood of nearly 100 innocent lives on our hands. We stood by and did NOTHING as we allowed the ATF to roll into Waco with tanks and murder an entire church of people over a SEARCH WARRANT. We could have said no and forced the ATF to find a peaceful way. We could have said no, and forced the ATF to leave, dealt with it ourselves and not burned those children alive. We as Texans could have taken care of our own, the good and the bad. Instead we groveled before the federal government, knowing they were in the wrong, and watched as the women, men, children, and elderly burned alive. All of it over the suspicion that a technicality of a Gun Control Law was violated.

Texans can do better. Texans can be better.

Shandelle Girdley

Self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose HB 1238 and support leaving our current Licence to Carry laws in place. Texas needs to keep the Licence to Carry law as is - it is an important public safety law, preventing people from carrying loaded handguns in public without a permit or safety training.

Ron Farace

Self

Kingwood, TX

I support HB 1238 (and related bills) which gives back to Texans the right to carry a legally-owned firearm. Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun, and in fact a majority of the states currently do not require a license in order to carry a handgun. Two states passed constitutional carry in the past few weeks, and it is time for Texas to catch up. Arguments that one hears in the media for the requirement for licensing, and other gun control measures, attempt to suggest, or overtly state, that these measures are to "prevent violence." However, this is incorrect thinking and not based in fact. The truth is that Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho). No one supporting constitutional carry, or constitutional gun rights in general, wants violence. In fact we are sickened by such violence. We move around the state with our families and are increasingly at risk, because those who seek to do harm to us, DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW ANYWAY. We hear of "gun violence" in the media and this has been politicized in order to take guns out of the hands of everyone. But the reality is that stricter gun laws only take guns away from law abiding citizens. They, in fact, only empower criminals at the expense of law abiding citizens.

I therefore strongly urge you to pass Constitutional Carry in this legislative session.

With best regards,
Ron Farace

Karen Starnes
Myself
Fort Worth, TX

I support this Bill because law abiding citizens should not be treated like criminals. We have a God-given right to protect and defend ourselves and our families from danger. Our 2 amendment says our right to bear arms shall not be infringed. It's time to free the people and uphold our rights.

Chris Jones
self
San Antonio, TX

As a disabled Texan, I would feel much safer if law abiding citizens had the right to carry a firearm per the constitution. The criminal element already carries guns without a license. I know that the police do a good job, but I also know that they are 30 minutes away when seconds count. I have seen a lot of horrible things in my life that the police simply cannot magically appear to stop or fix. If my fellow law-abiding citizens were armed, I would feel much safer.

Scott Connery, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

The second amendment, as incorporated via McDonald, doesn't permit any infringement of the bearing of arms. Constitutional carry is a legal and moral requirement, and has shown to be entirely safe in every state it has been implemented in.

James Garner
Self
Lockhart, TX

I am in support of this bill. Constitutional carry is our right as law abiding citizens.

Joel Brandstetter
self, retired
Quinlan, TX

I STRONGLY support this bill! I grew up believing Texas stood for FREEDOM and was a national leader in personal independence! In recent decades it has become obvious that this is NOT the case! Almost half the states in the USA have already passed Constitutional Carry bills and Texas is still NOT ON THE LIST?!?! The constitution says "Keep and Bear ARMS" !!! No limitations on what arms, no limitations on magazine capacity, short arm or long arms, and certainly does not say "bear" them only in your home, workplace or vehicle as Texas Law currently limits non LTC holders! The states with lowest crime rates have

long had Constitutional Carry! Almost all mass shootings occur in "gun free zones" which I call "designated killing fields" - so the ability to bear arms should also not be limited by venue according to the second amendment. I grew up in a Texas where we walked the streets with open carry and had rifles/shotguns in the window of our pickups then moved to a constitutional carry state for many years and continued this personal behavior. About 20 years ago we returned to Texas to find many things drastically different and the requirement to have a license and training to carry a handgun was NOT acceptable to me in the state I grew up in - come on Texas!!! WAKE UP!

Albert Costello, Me.

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this constitutional carry bill, as it is our constitutional right to do so. Please move this bill along promptly.

Jonathan Allerkamp

Self

Comfort, TX

Endorsing this bill, it is not the governments place to regulate even as much as they have, preventing future infringement on freedom is crucial to the country.

Susan Olsen

Myself and all women.

Winnsboro, TX

The licensing of firearms has a long, sordid and discriminatory history. All persons are born with the natural right of self defense and for a government to deny that right based on their race, creed, color, union affiliation or gender is beyond shameful and wrong. Law-abiding Texas citizens should not have to seek permission for the government to exercise that right. Persons who are not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearm who wish to possess a license for purposes of reciprocity should have a clear, unambiguous and non-discriminatory path to obtain them. Time to end discrimination in Texas.

Dwight Reeves

Self

Decatur, TX

Please support this bill

Charles Councill

Self consultant

Bandera, TX

The "right to bear arms" is in the 2nd amendment. It doesn't include "but only where the govt. allows it" and "after paying a fee".

Kathryn Darcy Smith, Rev

Friends and family

DEAN, TX

This blessed country we live in and the freedoms and rights our forefathers fought so hard to obtain for we future generations cannot be taken lightly. Sending our youth to fight with FIREARMS in foreign soil is ACCEPTED by society but those same men and women are denied the right to purchase / own / posses a firearm on the soil they swore to protect? This is a GRAVE INJUSTICE and MUST CHANGE IMMEDIATELY! Over the past generation we have lost our way and have restricted the rights mentioned above regarding our right of self-defense of home and family. Of all the states in this beautiful country, Texas bar-none should be the shining beacon for CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY for unrestricted persons. Some say that all gun laws are infringement. This is sadly true. We MUST though protect ourselves from allowing known convicted violent felons from obtaining firearms to commit more crime if we can. Unfortunately, there is NO WAY to stop criminals from doing illegal actions if they are determined. Creating ANY laws that infringe on the rights of LAW ABIDING CITIZENS is evil. Pure and simple we live in a country to which our Second Amendment rights are GUARANTEED and it is the DUTY of elected officials to ABIDE to the oath they swore to protect it, and ALL the Constitution's amendments ESPECIALLY the first and second! CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY was, is, and should ALWAYS be the GOLD STANDARD this country and the state of Texas should NEVER have left, and it is up to YOU to bring us back on track. THANK YOU FOR UPHOLDING YOUR OATH OF OFFICE.

-The Rev. Kathryn Darcy Smith

Mark Houghtlin, Mr.

Self

Dallas, TX

I support the permitless carry bill Hb1238 for Texas residents. Texas residents support the United States Constitution and personal responsibility. The right to defend oneself should not require a permit.

Karen Reeves

self

Ben Wheeler, TX

Please support this bill. As a veteran, Texas resident and God fearing individual - responsible people who have never been in trouble with the law, should have a right to carry without the infringement of governmental fees and hoops to jump through to protect ourselves. Criminals will have guns illegally but its proven (example in Vermont) that constitutional carry lowers the crime rate.

Linda Brown

Self - Rancher

Burleson, TX

Please note my SUPPORT of HB1238 by Kyle Biedermann. It is our right to bear arms as permitted by the US Constitution, in spite of what Washington is trying to do. Texas must maintain our rights !

Nhan Lam

Lam's Family

Arlington, TX

I support this bill. I will provide a better security for underserved community

Bobby Latham

Self

Mineola, TX

My name is Bobby Latham I live at 178 county road 2298 in mineola Texas as support HB 1238 constitutional carry I'm handicapped I am unable to protect myself and I live by myself and I cannot protect myself when I'm out and about I am on a fixed income and cannot afford o cannot afford to go through what I would have to go through to be able to carry a firearm

GREGORY WYCKOFF, MR.

SELF

FORT WORTH, TX

Honorable Representative; First , allow me to Thank You for deciding to become involved in Texas government, especially this issue. As a 64 yr.old citizen of Texas, I wanted to express some thoughts pertaining to the subject of your Bill. Over the many years of living here, I have enjoyed the sense of peace and security that is natural to this wonderful state, and its people. But, just as in all lives, I have experienced the results of violence, intrusions, etc. only wishing I was able to have protected myself. Just as we Texans knew all along how to protect ourselves from the CHINA VIRUS, we also know how to plan, equip, & provide for our SECURITY for our families. Simply put...GUNS.! Security is the goal, the sensation of feeling safe, & secure regardless of the method, or tools used, the same as door locks, motion lights, cameras,etc.

Individuals can not control when or where they will be victimized, so it is imperative that the tools used for protection and security be available AT THE TIME of the Threat, not 5-10 mins after, as our police respond.

There have even been some criminal acts have were deterred simply from the view of an armed individual in the immediate area, thus staving off the criminal act.

Obviously, with the current Administration's attitude towards our national security, there will be an increased sense of..

INSECURITY... for our fellow Texans. And not of our own doing.

I wish therefore to express my full support for the actions of your Bill, as well as others, pertaining to this important subject.

Please continue your efforts to allow us the full unimpeded access, use, and carry of our personal tools of protection and security.

Respectfully,

GREGORY

Freddie Chambers, Mr.

Self

Garland, TX

Time for this to pass.

Sherrill Lenz

Self

Van, TX

I support HB1238 because it supports my right to bear arms.

Jeffrey Butch

self

Burkburnett, TX

I strongly support the bills HB 1911, HB 2900, HB 1927, HB 1238 currently in the House and encourage all representatives to support these and vote in the affirmative for them. I support carry at 18 years old and support Texas constitutional carry. These bills will provide the safety and rights we deserve in Texas and continue our 2A rights in our own state.

Katherine Russell

Self

Premont, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Thomas Selgas

Self Farmer/Inventor

Athens, TX

Dear Representative Biedermann: I know you are trying to do good thing by trying to move forward with a "Constitutional" carry bill, but in order for there to be an actual constitutional carry in the state of Texas, there has to be an actual state of Texas (government authorized and organized) militia. My former law professor, mentor and friend, Dr. Edwin Vieira, Jr. has written extensively on the necessity of the militias of the several states and the necessity for which they are to exists: "the security of a FREE state. Dr. Vieira has written an excellent article which if you take the time to read should allow you you see the wisdom in reconstitution the constitutionally necessary militia of the state of Texas. He article is found here: <https://newswithviews.com/what-right-to-keep-and-bear-arms-is-that/>

Catherine Stehlik

Self

Keller, TX

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darrin rousse

self/engineer

sugar land, TX

I am a law abiding American citizen and Texas resident that advocates for second amendments rights, liberty and preserving the constitution of the United Sates that it is being trampled daily, I respectfully request that you vote against any gun legislation that will hamper those constitutional rights and implore you to do everything possible to defend and protect those rights.

In addition I request that you support all pro second amendment legislation and in particular current Texas Constitutional Carry and Texas Second Amendment Sanctuary State legislation.

Richard Paulino

Self

Killeen, TX

Support Constitutional Carry

Roger Lewis, Mr.

Self

Frisco, TX

I'm for constitutional carry rights for all eligible Texans. Make it happen

Samuel Morris

Self / lab tech

VICTORIA, TX

I support this. Please pass this its our 2nd amendment right. This is Texas this shouldnt even be a question!

Jimmy Zamora

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I am a lawful citizen I should be able to protect my self and family

Maegan McKenney

Self

New Braunfels, TX

This bill would bypass the importance of rigorous safety training for being able to carry in public. I believe this bill is reckless and puts even more Texans in jeopardy of their safety.

Patrick Joles

Self

Purdon, TX

Pass it.

Greg Rice

Self IT Director Electric Utility

Colleyville, TX

I support this Bill, HB 1238. I believe that Texans should not have to ask for permission to carry any possession which they are legally allowed to own - including firearms. Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep newly freed black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.

For Reference: The Dark Secret of Jim Crow and the Racist Roots of Gun Control by David Kopel, March 2011, in America's 1st Freedom (<http://davekopel.org/2A/Mags/dark-secret-of-jim-crow.html>).

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The Racist Origins of US Gun Control by Steve Ekwall (<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/media/29093/the-racist-origins-of-usgun-control.pdf>), and "The Discriminatory History of Gun Control" by David Babat, 2009, Senior Honors Projects, Paper 140 (<http://digitalcommons.uri.edu/srhonorsprog/140>).

Michael Watson

Self

Humble, TX

I support this bill for a multitude of reasons. Here are just a few. 1. Being a medically impaired individual, I find it extremely difficult to jump through the hoops necessary to getting a concealed carry license. 2. The costs associated with getting a license is, to me, outrageous and a huge impediment. I should have the right to carry my handgun with me in public. Our great Second Amendment affords me that God given right. 3. If more people could constitutionally carry, it will deter mass shootings, and various other types of crime. It is time to untie the hands of the good guys in the great State Of Texas. Give us the ability to do what is inherent to every law abiding citizen in Texas. To do good, and to help those that need help.

David Orlando

A member of TITFF

Sour Lake, TX

Please pass HB1238. Considering the current level of push for more gun control both on the federal and state levels we , as states need to push back hard. I also would support any legitimate efforts to declare the sate of Texas as a 2nd amend. sanctuary state.

Thank you for submitting this legislation.

Linda Davenport

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill

Izaiah Shorten

Self : Citizen

Celina, TX

I am a Texan resident and support constitutional carry. This is a much needed and long over due bill that will make Texas a safer place, and less hassle to exercise our constitutional rights. All gun laws are an infringement on the second amendment and what the constitution was designed for. I appreciate the effort of re-acknowledging our rights. Personally it has never made sense for law abiding citizens to be able to own a gun but not carry it. As we know criminals don't follow gun laws therefore any "gun control" laws are nothing more than a power grab by the government, and merely for controlling law abiding citizens. Criminals will continue to carry legally or illegally regardless, so beside it already being a constitutional right it is common sense to allow citizens to carry without fear of imprisonment or having to get a permission slip. As for self defense, most anyone given the option between a gun or a phone to call the police (who bring guns) in a robbery situation, would simply choose to have the gun on them. LTC are absolutely pointless in stopping crime and only hinder normal working class citizens trying to provide and protect their families. I along with many others hope to see constitutional carry passed, and will continue to fight for our rights that have already been given but seem to slowly disappear every time I look up. God Bless.

Jeremy Whittaker, Mr.

Self, Retired Army.

El Paso, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. Law abiding citizens should be able to exercise their Constitutional 2nd Amendment rights without additional paperwork, permission requests or licensing. I would rather see an effort to build inter-connectivity between agencies that identify those who become prohibited from possessing firearms.

Sam Amorim

Self

Frisco, TX

I have attended countless seminars held by police officers regarding active shooter situations and they have all stated the same phrase: "YOU are the first responder." In the event that an active shooter is attempting to cause harm to innocent civilians, I fully understand the benefits of carrying a firearm and being the first responder in this scenario. The ability for law-abiding citizens to have the right to carry without a state-issued license is paramount and it is our God-given right to be able to defend ourselves against individuals who intend on causing harm to others.

There can be laws created to place as many limitations on guns as possible but one very vital component still remains the same: criminals do not obey laws. I urge you to support the rights of law-abiding citizens to carry handguns without a license for our safety. Please support HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, and HB 2900. Thank you.

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Dale Slack
My family
Marshall, TX

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Darren Watson
Self
Frisco, TX

I stand fervently in AGREEMENT with the proposed Texas Constitutional Carry Act of 2021. As has long been understood by legal scholars and decades of jurisprudence following the declaration of Chief Justice Marshall, any law or act that is "repugnant to the Constitution is void." Ignorance of this statement has allowed the slow creep of infringement to take root in our nation.

When the Second Amendment was composed it was understood that the right of a person to defend himself, his family, and his property was an inherent right, and was explicitly stated that this right is necessary to the security of a free state, as such, no attempt can legally be made to infringe on this inalienable right.

Lawmakers fueled by fear and racism have chipped away at this most basic right, and the laws enacted have eroded the ability of a citizen to be secure in their person by providing for their own protection and instead overburden the state by forcing it to divert public safety efforts into prevention instead of its true roll in enforcement and prosecution.

These infringements are justified by misappropriating the blame for misuse of a weapon onto the inanimate object itself, instead of placing the blame and enforcing appropriate criminal laws against the perpetrator of an act of violence.

These laws are enforced against the citizens who would otherwise be considered law-abiding and productive elements of society, entrapping them in the claws of an overreaching and bloated legal system. This unconscionable misuse of prosecution under the mandates of these fearful lawmakers has proven to be completely ineffective in promoting public safety and ultimately only harms those lawful citizens that attempt, but may mistakenly fail, to adhere to each of the everchanging and contradictory rules across the varying jurisdictions. While the justice system is preoccupied with prosecution of harmless individuals, those that do intend to menace society are actively flouting any and all of these impotent regulations.

It may also be considered that these ineffective laws are in direct conflict with the rights of the people enumerated in the 4th and 5th Amendments, as their enforcement violates any sense of justice regarding a showing of probable cause or even an attempt at due process prior to depriving a person of their rights.

Texas should not be following the other states that have already recognized this fundamental truth. Instead, the Great State of Texas should be leading the charge to restore liberty and justice to the good citizens of the state by returning to the fundamental meaning of the Constitution and true intent of the Founding Fathers. I urgently implore you to carefully consider this enactment as a vital step in the right direction. I would also encourage your support in evaluation of other liberating changes that can be made to remove all other futile regulations that are repugnant and contrary to my right to keep and bear arms in self-defense. Thank you.

Curtis Chapman
Self
Garland, TX

I support this bill because the 2nd amendment exists and doing otherwise is unconstitutional.

Michelle Guardabascio

Self, software engineer

Austin, TX

I support this bill and I disagree with the idea of requiring citizens to pay fees to exercise a Constitutionally protected right.

Those opposed to this bill have said that they are concerned about safety. While safety is important to everyone, their safety concerns are not supported by the data.

Charles Trom

Self

Haltom City, TX

The current crisis at our border is a prime example of why Texans need any and all available means of self protection.

DAVID NIGH, Esq.

self-attorney

new braunfels, TX

I am in favor of Constitutional Carry of handguns in Texas.

Timothy Payne

Self

Mabank, TX

I am in support of this bill. Texans should be able to protect themselves and their families. Constitutional rights should not require a permission slip.

LeeAnna Riffle

Self/ homemaker, homeschooling mom

Ranger, TX

It's our right to carry a firearm.

Restricting our rights won't prevent criminals from committing crimes, it only leaves them to commit more while we are unarmed.

Dory Holzapfel

self/ mother/ fitness instructor

Highland Village, TX

Enough already! Our families are less safe than ever with all of these open carry laws being enacted. There is no legitimate constitutional reason that guns should not be required to be registered, safely secured, and kept out of the public domain. Guns need to require training, just like using gaining a license to drive. And if your response is that driving a car is not protected by the constitution, then you understand my point that the constitution must evolve with changes in society, technology, and innovation. More secure guns, required training and protected areas means more lives saved.

Julian Ponce

n/a

Eules, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Kenneth Cunningham

self

Porter, TX

I support this bill, Constitutional Carry is long overdue in the State of Texas. The events of the past year or so, targeting people in vulnerable populations, racial tension, the push to defund police, riots and releases from jails due to the pandemic and countless other issues have made it abundantly clear how important it is for Texans to be our own first responders.

In addition, the House has gone to great effort to seek solutions to end mass shootings. I have your answer, arm the people being shot at, mass shooters are cowards and do not carry out attacks where they will be challenged, you dont see mass shootings in Police stations do you? Of course not. You also dont see mass shootings IN CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY STATES.

Ken Cunningham

Proud member of Gun Owners of America and Open Carry Texas

Tracy Foster

Self

Edgewood, TX

Please support constitutional carry for citizens.

Alberto Trevino

self, administrative

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. If a person is trusted with owning a gun, they should be trusted with carrying a gun - no need for further tax and red tape. Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states.

Richard Kinnison

NAGR / Texas Gun Rights

Dallas, TX

I support this legislation and urge you to do the same. An armed society is a polite society specifically since the bad guy won't know who or how many at a given location might thwart their evil intentions. Other states who have adopted Constitutional Carry have seen a marked decline in crimes involving firearms.

johnny upton

self

Mckinney, TX

Please pass constitutional carry in Texas---Anyone who can legally purchase a firearm should be obliged to carry it and keep it on their person as needed for self defense without a permission license.

Michael Jones

self, unemployed IT consultant

Lumberton, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

Defense is the most basic of all rights. Government approval should not be required to protect ones self or family.

Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

thomas messner

self

Goodrich, TX

this is an easy one for me, i guess not for others. i have been a licensed carrier since the 90's, and never complained, but the truth of the matter is, if you're legally allowed under Texas and unfortunately federal law to own a firearm, you should be allowed without impedance to carry said firearm outside of your home. all the stories of blood in the streets and extra violence have not been true, not even close. none of who are licensed or not want to go out and use our firearms, nor do we look for chance to do so. but when threat become life endangering, either for ourselves or others, we are given inherent right by our creator to self defense. no government should seek to stand between god given right and a man so as to cause him to become a victim without remedy. i know there are some of you who believe people should retreat before defense, but if a man/woman is where he/she legally should be, why must that man/woman retreat specially if that man/woman is the place of last defense, that being home? no government should stand between people and their self defense. it is not a right given over to government. the constitution of Texas gives us the right to bear arms and the right of self defense. why not making the statement that government will not stand between men and self defense, by passing this bill stating the right to constitutional carry? i am some will make an issue of law enforcement wanting ti identify those carrying firearms, and in the beginning i think justifiably so. i am always happy to identify myself for law enforcement. some do not. i believe after time has passed and law enforcement is more and more comfortable with men exercising their God given right then I.D. issues will fade into the past. plus if Texas will pass suitable punishment for those carrying firearms not legally allowed to do so will further enhance the safety of all Texans. LTC should still be attainable. i wish to keep mine. in closing, there will not be the fear monger statements of blood in the streets, more violence, and more death. please consider giving the law abiding Texan back the right to carry his/her firearm on his/her person without license. keeping the ltc can be wise, but not needed for those who wish not to pay for their right. there are far more law abiding than not, and there are far more Texans who wish to exercise his/her right than there squeaky demands from moms and towns for gun ban. please show Texans you support free people, law abiding people. thank you. thomas e messner goodrich, Tx

Bert Dowlen

Self

Sherman, TX

I support this bill because because first 18 year old's should be able to carry a hand gun. I feel safer caring my handgun. No government agency should be able to tell me, a free Texan, where and when I can carry my sidearm. Please take this bill and take the best parts of HB 1911. This is a critical at this time to fend off these gun grabbers and Joe Biden's new gun legislation. Washington should never have any right to tell Texans they can't carry their weapons'.

Asa Barringer

Self Student

Ingleside, TX

I am writing this comment after the news of the recent shooting in Boulder Colorado. I fully believe that had this type of bill been implemented in Colorado where therein more individuals could have been carrying these tools of self defense, the loss of life could have been lessened. Boulder had a magazine restriction, requires a permit for open carry and it did not protect them, the answer to why it didn't protect them is simply because a murderer does not care if he breaks a gun law. It is the job of the law abiding citizen to ensure that they have the means to protect themselves and others, and it is the job of the government to get out of their way and let them. This bill would do nothing more than allow law abiding individuals more ability to practice their constitutional right. Individuals who can not legally own a firearm do not gain anything from this bill but the law abiding individual gains from every aspect with this bill.

Ryan Kilburn

Self / Executive IT Management

Haslet, TX

I support constitutional carry bills! Law abiding citizens who are legally allowed to own a firearm should have a permitless, constitutional right to carry starting at age 18 and should not be overly restrictive on where we can carry. With that in mind, I feel that HR1238 align with what a constitutional carry law should be. Citizens should be able to defend ourselves, our families and our neighbors from those that would seek to do us or others harm. As it has been made clear in the Supreme Court, local law enforcement officers are not here to defend citizens against harm, they are only here to uphold the law. I applaud this bill!!

Scott Craft

Self, Consultant

Amarillo, TX

I support this bill for strengthening our our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. A law abiding, legal gun owner should not be subjected to excessive requirements and testing to carry their firearm. Numerous states have recently passed constitutional carry laws and Texas is lagging behind. It is more important now than ever for the states to uphold the constitutional rights of their citizens.

Mark Snyder

Self - Senior IT Engineer

GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

Since open carry/Constitutional carry laws for handguns have been adopted by 18 other states and pandemonium has NOT resulted, contrary to gun control activists claims. I see NO reason why Texas should not follow suit and codify the rights granted under the second amendment to all the citizens of Texas. Tragedies like what just happened in Colorado might just have been deterred by the open possession of firearms by citizens involved in and present at the incident. There are arguments for and against this, but I have walked into a grocery store or mall and observed a law abiding citizen open carrying. To my mind, this is just as much a deterrent to violence as seeing a police car along the highway makes everybody jam on their brakes suddenly as they spot the vehicle. And claims of mass violence and blood in the streets from the opposition has been roundly disproven due to the example provided by other states that have approved constitutional carry and open carry laws. The current permitting system could even be described as discriminatory in nature because it uses a financial requirement (licensing and training expenses) against those who might not be able to afford these obligations. Should self defense be dependent upon one's bank account or financial abilities? I don't think so. The second amendment was added to emphatically state that the rights of citizens to own and carry (keep and bear) arms "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED"! Thank you for considering my comments today.

Anthony Moore

Self / CEO of Outdoor Media Group Inc.

Bowie, TX

To our Esteemed Representative's:

The question of Constitutional carry in our great state comes down to a simple question.
Do you trust the law-abiding citizens your constituents as they trusted you?

The people who voted you into office trust in you to represent them and make sure that the guarantees of our state constitution as well as the constitution of the United States are upheld.

I am asking that you give us the right to bear arms as it is already our right guaranteed by both of our Texas and US constitution.

I am a Veteran and one thing I have learned is a lot of the Military branches have warriors born and bread right here in Texas if you can trust us to carry to protect this great state and this nation, then why not do as 18 states have already done trust your fellow citizens and say yes to constitutional carry.

Anthony Linnenburger

self

Arlington, TX

In conjunction with HB 2900 this is the proposal that needs to be passed. It will be the most restorative of personal rights and liberties of the "constitutional carry" suite of bills.

It is time for the state to stop standing in the way of people's right to defend themselves through expensive and time consuming bureaucracy.

David Theis

Self, City of Killeen Employee

Killeen, TX

Representative, Biedermann,

I Support HB 1238 Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing

of a firearm.

From August 1992 to present and future time. I personally swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America from Foreign and Domestic Threat. I believe at this moment my 2nd Amendments rights are being trampled over by a Domestic Threat. While serving as a Representative of the United States Army, I served a total of 22 years Active Duty and Reserve of that 7 years in Hostile countries 1 tour in Mogadishu, Somalia, 2 tours in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3 Tours in Iraq. During those deployments I always maintained multiple weapon systems on my person. Since retiring from the Army, I have continued selfless service working in the City of Killeen where I live. Where my chances of becoming a victim of a violent crime is 1 in 260 in Killeen versus 1 in 239 in Texas.

KILLEEN VIOLENT CRIMES POPULATION: 151,666

| | MURDER | RAPE | ROBBERY | ASSAULT |
|----------------|--------|------|---------|---------|
| Report Total | 14 | 105 | 124 | 340 |
| Rate per 1,000 | 0.09 | 0.69 | 0.82 | 2.24 |

UNITED STATES VIOLENT CRIMES POPULATION: 328,239,523

| | MURDER | RAPE | ROBBERY | ASSAULT |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Report Total | 16,425 | 139,815 | 267,988 | 821,182 |
| Rate per 1,000 | 0.05 | 0.43 | 0.82 | 2.50 |

Respectfully,
City of Killeen
Resident

Westleey Williams
Self forklift operator
Wallisvile, TX

I fully support this bill as constitutional carry is an unalienable right given by our founding fathers and fully expect you and all others I voted for to pass this bill

Charlene Shafer
self
Cypress, TX

This idea is ludicrous. Everyone knows it's imperative that there be some training prior to carrying a loaded gun around. There should be background checks to prevent domestic abusers, substance abusers & just plain insane people from carrying guns around. I guess it would make it legal for insurrectionists to carry guns to our state house? Maybe that's your objective? We do not live in the wild wild west although bills like this certainly seem to advocate for that lifestyle. VOTE NO on HB 1238

William Frentzel
Self Retired
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill. I like the age at 18+. This Bill could be improved by eliminating prohibited places for carry and a provision for "leave when asked with no criminality " for private businesses. This Bill is particularly important for Texans as open southern borders are increasingly putting us at greater risk.

Marc Ruby

Citizen of Texas.....Self...

Spring, TX

Support of..'Constitutional' Carry ...HB.1238,, HB 1911 HB 1927..HB..2700....Texas is a Real Laggard in Supporting ..'Constitutional'..Carry...Many States are Way Ahead of us ...Even ..Bernie Sanders Vermont has Constitutional Carry...If you are able to Legally own a Handgun ..you should also be able to Carry that Firearm anywhere that is Legal to do soLTC should stay in effect as a Option to Expedite Gun Purchases...Identification....etc..
I am Disable and Cannot Make the Hearings Unfortunately....Strongly Support this Bill.....

Howard Overton, Mr

Self

Lancaster, TX

I believe every person who can legally carry a fire arm should be able to do so.

Steven Vance

Self

Waco, TX

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Matthew Garza

NRA

San Antonio, TX

I support constitutional carry for Texans we deserve it.

Pat Noyes

Self

Hurst, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.
Thank you so much.

John Partida

Self/ U.S. Army Veteran

Schertz, TX

The Federal Government taxing your ability to defend yourself is asinine and unconstitutional.

Left defenseless because you could not afford to keep a firearm, that you already own, doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

The 2nd amendment is being chipped away, slowly, until it's completely removed.

I support Texas House Bills 112, 915, 1238 & 957.

A means of self-defense, if/when needed, WILL SAVE LIVES.

Eric Downing

self - GIS Specialist

Dallas, TX

Hello, I would like to express my faith and support of HB1238. This is a step to ensure all Texans' 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. Please vote YES for this bill!

Stephen Mull, CTO

Self - Healthcare Chief Technology Officer

Carrollton, TX

I strongly urge your committee to move HB 1238 forward immediately. Constitutional carry is already successfully working in many other states without issue. Law-abiding citizens should have the right to conceal carry firearms for personal protection of themselves and their families at any time they choose to do so without fear of repercussions from law-enforcement since the sole purpose is personal protection and safety. Law-abiding citizens already qualify for license to carry in Texas however this puts an extra burden on every law-abiding citizen by having to comply with this extra set of licensing it is a hindrance to the constitutional right to carry a firearm for personal protection. By doing so you would simply be affirming the rights of Texans to do what is constitutionally guaranteed yet under constant attack from the federal government. It is my firm belief that Texas would be a much safer place if literally almost every law abiding citizen At the guarantee of a constitutional right to carry a firearm for personal protection and everyone does so. There are two sayings on your time and time again. The first being criminals do not care about gun laws which of course makes any law hindering law-abiding citizens from owning possessing and carrying firearms that much more at risk. Additionally another popular saying which I also find to be quite true is that the thing that stops the bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Let's face it in today's world there are ever increasing risks to law abiding citizens and and law-enforcement simply cannot respond fast enough and almost every case to protect the citizens against bad guys with guns. I wish society as a whole was far more mature and this was not some issue we have to deal with and perhaps sometime in the future that will be the case. Unfortunately in the real world we all need the right to Constitutional carry. I don't know how this would work in other states all I can say is it seems to be working well in the states that have a proved it. If these other states can successfully make this happen certainly Texas above all other states will be successful should your committee decide that this bill should move forward. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this bill. Best regards. Stephen Mull - Carrollton, Texas

Hilliard Brittain

Self

Garland, TX

I have been a firearm owner for 56 years and am thankful that our Forefathers protected that freedom in the Bill of Rights. I believe that permits and universal background checks violate the 2nd Amendment text that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". Inexplicably, Texas lags behind the majority of states in allowing permitless carrying of firearms and I urge you to do something to change this. In a 2010 Supreme Court decision, Justice Samuel Alito wrote: "Self-

defense is a basic right, recognized by many legal systems from ancient times to the present day, and in Heller, we held that individual self-defense is 'the central component' of the Second Amendment right." I ask you to support HB 1238 and remove legislation that restricts free access to my ability to defend myself and my family. Thank you!

Ritchard margan

Retired /US Army/maintenance tech

Lewisville, TX

what i like about this bill it gives me the right carry my firearm without paying the government a 200.00 dollars tax stamp i should not have to pay for my rights

Daniel Ausmus

Self

Kingwood, TX

As other states have passed Constitutional Carry there have been zero increases in violent crimes because of it. Allowing non-prohibited individuals to carry without needing a license will lift a financial burden on lower income individuals and families to be able to protect themselves and their loved ones without needing permission from the government. If they are allowed to own a firearm, they should be allowed to carry it on their person without any restrictions bestowed upon any government. Violence committed by evil individuals thrives upon people being unarmed sheep. Allowing them the teeth to defend themselves is vital to the overall safety of the community. We should also pursue legislation to promote training and understanding of firearms and their use for law abiding citizens to have the option to take. A well armed society is a polite society.

Oneal Caffey

Self

Mineola, TX

Yes this is Dean Caffey my name is I live in Mineola Texas and I support House Bill 1238 the Constitutional carry for the simple reason that I'm disabled handicapped amputee and I need to be protected when I'm out in public where I can't protect myself just in case something like that in Colorado happens here and I would appreciate y'all for passing the bill and I'll thank y'all for putting this information from people to have thank you again

Sarah Hawthorne

Self

Nacogdoches, TX

I am a PRO 2nd amendment Texan. I have always believed in the 2nd amendment even after my family was murdered by firearms. My late husband served with SEAL Team 8 and was also very PRO 2nd amendment for protection, even after his sister and nephew were murdered by a firearm. Police will never be able to get to your house faster than you can pull a gun to STOP a tragedy from happening. As a now widow with a young daughter the ability to protect myself is even more important in my life. I ask Texas to keep standing for our 2nd Amendment rights.

Stephani Cheng

Self

Richardson, TX

Hello,

My name is Stephani Cheng and I am a new LTC permit holder and gun owner. I'm here to express my support for constitutional carry, as I have first hand recent experience as to how long it takes to go through the steps required in Texas to legally be able to carry my firearm outside of my home or vehicle. I started on this journey because of my growing concerns around human trafficking and the rise of kidnappings in both the state and country, as well as the rise in violence against the Asian American community. I am the mother of a Chinese American daughter and it both sickens me and breaks my heart to think that any parent has to wait 8 plus weeks to be able to legally protect their children while out in public. Women are targets of assault and harassment daily, not just as individuals, but even more so as mothers. By implementing constitutional carry in Texas you are immediately empowering these women and mothers to be able to defend themselves and protect their children. Lastly, I'd like to touch on the tragic incidents in Atlanta and Boulder, both of which are unacceptable. The healing that these communities face is not an easy road, and I mean that with respect to both the families affected by loss of life and those who survived their experience and must figure out how they will pick up the pieces. Being compassionate toward these events and the people affected by this violence doesn't not in any way equal me wanting any citizen of Texas to be left defenseless because they are following the law and waiting for a plastic card to say they are allowed to carry a gun to protect themselves should they be caught in a similar situation. I can think of nothing greater than to advocate for and protect a life; and I urge you to do just that with your time today. Be the voices and the hands of change for this state and it's people. Thank you.

Stephani Cheng

James Ramzinski

Self

Selma, TX

I support this bill. If I am legally able to purchase and own a firearm I should legally be able to carry that firearm to protect myself and my family without the hurdles of a permit process. Those who intend harm do not care about what is legal so by not having constitutional carry in Texas the law abiding citizen is susceptible to becoming a victim. In other states that have constitutional carry statistics show that their citizens are safer. Texas should be leading the way not following behind.

Terry Peters

Self

Cleburne, TX

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This needs to pass!!!

I stand fervently in AGREEMENT with the proposed Texas Constitutional Carry Act of 2021.

As has long been understood by legal scholars and decades of jurisprudence following the declaration of Chief Justice Marshall, any law or act that is "repugnant to the Constitution is void." Ignorance of this simple statement has allowed the slow creep of infringement to take root in our nation and state.

When the Second Amendment to the Constitution was composed it was understood that the right of a person to defend himself, his family, and his property was an inherent right that was not and could not be granted by any government, and it was explicitly stated that this right is necessary to the security of a free state, and as such, no attempt can legally be made that would fringe on this inalienable right.

Over the last century, lawmakers fueled by fear and racism have chipped away at this most basic right to self-defense, and the rules and regulations enacted have eroded the ability of a citizen to be secure in their person by providing for their own protection and instead further overburden the state by forcing it to divert public safety efforts into prevention instead of its true roll in

enforcement and prosecution.

These infringements are justified by misappropriating the blame for any misuse of a weapon onto the inanimate object itself, instead of placing the blame and enforcing other appropriate criminal laws against the perpetrator of an act of violence.

These violative laws are enforced against the citizens who would otherwise be considered law-abiding and productive elements of society, entrapping them in the claws of an overreaching and bloated legal system. This unconscionable misuse of prosecution under the mandates of these fearful lawmakers has proven to be completely ineffective in promoting public safety and ultimately only harms those lawful citizens that attempt, but may mistakenly fail, to adhere to each of the everchanging and contradictory rules across the varying jurisdictions. While the justice system is preoccupied with the prosecution of harmless individuals, those that do intend to menace society are actively flouting any and all of these impotent regulations.

It may also be considered that these ineffective laws are in direct conflict with the rights of the people enumerated in the 4th and 5th Amendments, as their enforcement violates any sense of justice regarding a showing of probable cause or even an attempt at due process prior to depriving a person of their rights.

Texas should not be following the other states that have already recognized this fundamental truth. Instead, the Great State of Texas should be leading the charge to restore liberty and justice to the good citizens of the state by returning to the fundamental meaning of the Constitution and the true intent of the Founding Fathers. I urgently implore you to carefully consider this enactment as a vital step in the right

Paula Hansen

self

Sugar Land, TX

I oppose current bills HB1238, 1911, 1927 and 2900 that would loosen current permitting requirements and allow for permitless carry in our state.

Concealed carry permitting systems ensure that only responsible gun owners can carry concealed handguns in public. Our Texas system, with live fire and training requirements does a good job doing that. Permitless carry bills remove these safeguards and allow carry by irresponsible and dangerous people.

Under permitless carry, convicted criminals would be legally allowed to carry hidden guns on city streets.

Permitless carry strips law enforcement of the authority to deny a permit to people who pose a serious risk to the community, forcing them to allow people with violent criminal histories to carry concealed guns throughout the state.

Permitless carry bills would let people as young as 18 carry concealed guns in public, even though research shows that 18-to-20-year-olds commit nearly four times as many gun homicides as adults 21 and over.

Mark Fanning

Self

GRAHAM, TX

I support constitutional carry and urge you to vote in favor of this right. It is clearly stated in our federal constitution, but due to federal government overreach this bill is needed at the (our) state level. Thank you for your service.

Shawn Willis

Self Subcontractor

Arp, TX

Please vote in support of our 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms. Forcing Americans to obtain a permit to carry a firearm is unconstitutional and endangers the lives of law abiding citizens because we all know criminals dont care about our laws and will carry a firearm one way or the other. It creates a situation that leaves many unarmed when they need it most.

Keith Dunlap, Mr

Self

Midland, TX

The right to bear arms and the right of self defense are just that, inherent rights. They are not subject to permitting or regulation . I oppose any and all restrictions and regulation on the possession or carry of firearms or any other tool of self defense.

Lu Christie

self

Edgewood, TX

I support this bill. We are granted the right to carry by the Constitution and deserve the right to self defense.

Deborah Lancaster

self/retired school teacher

Bellaire, TX

I oppose this Bill on the grounds that it will allow people to carry guns openly and/or concealed without a permit.

Larry Neiswender

Self, HIPAA Security and Compliance Consultant

North Richland Hills, TX

While I acknowledge that some individuals have no respect for nor do they comprehend the responsibilities of gun ownership and its proper usage, the vast majority of Texans don't fall into this category. As a man who has been shooting since the age of 4 and having served on active duty in the military, I resent the fact that my rights to own, carry or transport firearms responsibly can be detrimentally effected by politicians, many of whom are untrained, unskilled and without firsthand experience in firearms. How many times do we have to try to educate the ignorant of simple facts such as, forks don't make people fat and cars don't make people drive drunk. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. People with no respect for other individuals or the law are bringing us dangerously close to the day when intelligent, law abiding people are deprived of our right to bear arms and defend ourselves and that's tantamount to letting the criminals run the prison. It is dangerously true that if you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns and all too often those outlaws are protected by politicians.

Christopher Cooper

self

North Richland Hills, TX

I support this bill (HB 1238) because it will not only lower the legal age to carry a firearm to 18 years old (regardless of whether the individual is in the military or not) but also remove the requirement of a government issued license to carry a firearm for any resident of Texas who is legally able to own a firearm. Requiring a license for residents of Texas to carry only keeps honest citizens from being able to defend themselves. It does nothing to deter the dishonest ones. I believe this bill will make Texas safer in the long run as it will grant more Texans the ability to express their right to self defense.

Jeffery Rhoads
Self mover
New Braunfels, TX

This bill must pass because self defense is a basic human right. If I have to get a license to carry then my right is actually a "privilege".

Michelle Crawford
self / editor
Austin, TX

Sensible Texas laws requiring training and licensing for carrying weapons help keep us safe. True "constitutional carry" recognizes that "well regulated" takes precedence over "shall not be abridged." I oppose this permitless carry bill.

Thomas Vician
Self - Finance
Round Rock, TX

I support this bill. The right to have a firearm available to defend oneself (law abiding citizen) through defensive display or actual use of deadly force against the perpetrator of a violent forcible felony (TX Title 2, Chapter 9) is a basic human right from birth. The LTC is a permission slip for that basic human right. Embrace our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Second Amendment as the gift it is. End the LTC.

Other factors:

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally. In 2019 four of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states: Maine, Vermont, Idaho, New Hampshire.

Paul Becker
Self, Retired Research Biologist
Fairfield, TX

Having the means to protect oneself and one's family is particularly critical for those individuals of the population who are most vulnerable to predatory criminal activities. As one advances in age this vulnerability becomes more apparent, whether it concerns various scams and con jobs that seem to proliferate on the elderly population or more violent strong-arm activities that would favor the strong over the weak. In the case of the latter, vulnerability is not only related to one's age but also to other factors such as gender, relative size and strength, and infirmities. I have come to realize this as I have advanced in age (I am 75 years old) and am not as physically strong as I use to be. I am also a full-time care giver for my wife (73 years old) who has advanced Parkinson's Disease that requires my full attention all the time. Although proficient in the use of firearms, including handguns, I am not in position to set aside time and effort required to qualify for a concealed carry handgun license. Many individuals are like me and many more find it also difficult to bear the expense necessary to obtain the license. Without the carry permit, one can have the means of protection inside one's home and on one's property, but step outside of those boundaries and that protection goes away.

The right to carry a handgun without having to obtain a license ensures that the 2nd Amendment applies to all law-abiding citizens. Requiring that citizens obtain permission from the government (through the permitting process) before having the capability to protect oneself and one's family outside the boundaries of one's domicile and property is an infringement of basic human right of self-defense and is counter to the 2nd Amendment as it is stated in the constitution. One should also consider that the database of handgun carry license holders represents a vulnerability for these legal gun owners as it provides a readily available list of firearm owners that would be a useful resource for any future wholesale firearm confiscations of the public.

Eighteen other States currently allow law-abiding individuals to carry a handgun without a government-issued permit. This seems to be working quite well for those States, two of which are our neighbors of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

I have always felt that Texas is a very special State that emphasizes limited government and individual freedom, while promoting entrepreneurship and expecting and receiving individual responsibility from its citizens. I therefore fully support the following House Bills: HB 1238/Beidermann, HB 1911/White, HB 1927/Schaefer, and HB 2900 /Hefner, as they relate to Permitless Carry and respectively request that you do the same.

Russell Minton

Self; retired and currently a small rancher.

Edgewood, TX

I fully support this bill and look forward to its passage. As a native Texas I began shooting and hunting at an early age. I was taught throughout my life that the United States Constitution prohibits the government, either Federal or state, from passing any law that infringes upon my right to both own and carry any firearm that I may desire to possess. I have a god-given right to protect both myself and my family and loved ones. I should never be disabused of that right by any entity whose elected members freely swear an oath to fully protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Texas. As a military veteran I gladly swore that oath and have fulfilled it faithfully.

Jarod Oneill

Top dog knives

Claude, TX

I support this bill. The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right to bare arms shall not be infringed. This great state will be safer and more secure with a well armed public as support for troops and law enforcement. It is our right to protect ourselves and the government that works for us does not have the right to dictate in witch way we do that.

Amanda Bowman

just myslef

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose any weakening of licensing and training requirements to carry firearms. We require driver's to poass driving tests; gun carrying should be at least this stringent.

Tyler Agold

self, College Student

College Station, TX

I support this bill,

I have been around firearms for most of my life and, now that I am of legal age, have the ability to possess them. Many others, like me, own firearms and know how to safely operate them, but simply cannot protect ourselves if the situation arises because it is illegal to carry them without a license. The United States Constitution states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." As of right now, I can keep arms, but cannot bear them most of the time due to the fact that existing laws prevent me from doing so. The passage of this bill would allow me, and many other responsible gun owners, to protect ourselves and our loved ones when it matters the most.

Brandon Lopez

Self

El Paso, TX

I Brandon Lopez support this bill for the provisions to be lifted regarding the topics because it does nothing for us but add barriers that shouldn't be there, we want no provisions. God Bless you

Brent Baker

Self

Katy, TX

I am in favor of Constitutional Carry to exercise my 2nd Amendment right to defend myself, family and neighbors. Free people do not require a license to exercise a constitutional right. It's not a right if you have to get permission to exercise it. The Right to Own and Bear (means Carry) Arms Shall Not be Infringed. It's a Simple concept the 2nd Admendment.

David Patterson

Self

GATESVILLE, TX

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Brent Baker

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Rebecca Rodgers

Self/ True Texas Project/GOA

Arlington, TX

When the founding fathers established our Constitution and Bill of Rights they secured our God god-given rights to be able to

defend ourselves. However, our government has continued to strip away our rights little by little and has created unnecessary laws that infringe on our rights and have made it increasingly restrictive to carry in public. Texas, once a leader in preserving rights, has fallen behind in leading the way to secure residents' rights. There are currently 17 states that have Constitutional Carry. And guess what? Texas is not one of them. I am writing to encourage you to pass HB1238. Thank you for your time.

Brent Sullivan

Self, global software Alliances

Houston, TX

Open carry is always a bad idea and "constitutional carry" makes it worse.

The general public, when seeing someone carrying a firearm, has no way of assessing that person's training or mental state. The fact that they choose to carry a firearm is, at least for me, a reason to question their judgement and mental stability.

It's worse for law enforcement officers. How should they assess and respond to people around them carrying firearms? Wouldn't we all be better off if LEOs could assume people carrying firearms were up to no good? The alternative is to wait until they begin firing--until it's too late.

Justice Scalia said in the Heller decision, "Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited. Courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose..."

Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms."

I think the Justice is correct. We the people should not allow the carrying of any weapon, at any place, for any purpose. We should require registration and liability insurance of the weapon, mental health evaluation of the owner, and limit the capacity of magazines to 5 rounds.

Erin Farmer

self; paralegal

Houston, TX

"Constitutional" carry is ridiculous and an abomination. There is no reason for every random person to be able to easily possess and transport guns. The Constitution does NOT allow this and law abiding residents should not have to fear for their lives because someone can't leave their gun at home. Read up on the common good and understand that everyone being able to do whatever they want whenever they want, will result in this country's destruction. We need fewer guns in public, not more.

William Wetmore

Self Retired

Crowley, TX

I strongly support this bill and ask ALL of our representatives to support and pass this legislation.

Leah Bullock

Moms Demand Action

San Antonio, TX

I adamantly oppose the allowance of carrying firearms without a permit. Why, in this world, would we make it easier for dangerous people to carry firearms in our neighborhoods, in our grocery stores, in our shopping malls, in our schools? Biederman's proposal is careless and demonstrates a lack of understanding or concern for public safety.

Richard Carroll

Self

Kerrville, TX

I support H.B. 1238 & H.B. 2900 without amendment.

I would like to make a few points as to why I believe Constitutional Carry should be the law in Texas.

1. I don't believe Texans should need a license to exercise self-defense outside of their home. That is an inherent right. It's one thing if a private establishment wants to bar firearms on their premises, but for general public, I should be able to exercise the right to protect myself.

2. In recent years, a person I know had a vehicle stolen in San Antonio. They did not have a concealed carry license and left a firearm in the vehicle. Constitutional Carry would have given them the option to carry a pistol and would have potentially prevented a criminal from illegally obtaining a firearm.

3. A person I know had two young children in daycare at one time. They were spending a lot on childcare every month. The cost of having to pay for a state fee and a class — not to mention finding care for the children to then take a concealed carry class — was a barrier to self-defense. Constitutional Carry would have allowed them to publicly defend themselves without additional costs associated with concealed carry.

4. A person I know had to renew their concealed carry license before their birthday and there was a period of time where they were unsure of whether the new license would arrive before the old one expired. I'm unsure of the details surrounding being able to carry under those circumstances, but it would have been a non-issue if Constitutional Carry was the law.

I understand the concern people have with just anybody being able to buy and carry a gun. However, it is the duty of government to uphold Second Amendment rights, and it is the gun owner's responsibility to be familiar with laws and to safely utilize a firearm. Those who abuse firearms must suffer the consequences.

Constitutional carry is already the law in 18 states without issue.

Richard Anderson

self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill, and believe it shouldn't even be necessary. The US constitution already gives every citizen the right to keep and bear arms. Even though I have an LTC, I don't believe it should be necessary.

Recent events in Atlanta and Boulder could have been stopped if an armed citizen would have been there. Remove the barrier for people to carry and we can be a safer State.

Gary Gibbs

Self- farmer/musician

Houston, TX

It's time for constitutional carry in Texas.

Richard Solis

self

Round Rock, TX

As a disabled Veteran I support this bill. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, Disabled, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Michael Andrews

None

West Columbia, TX

I support HB 1238 because it would allow those individuals who are of legal age and are lawfully able to carry a firearm to protect themselves and there their loved ones.

Hector Quiroga

Self Porter

Corpus Christi, TX

I support HB1238 as a resident of Texas I believe now more than ever with mental illness, covid-19 ,mass shootings, and massive influx of illegal migrants crossing the border. I fear for the safety of my family friends and my community thank you and God bless.

Billy Horton

All the people of Texas

San Marcos, TX

I an pleading that this passes. My rights are from God and you should not be infringing on them. I am a veteran who proudly served in Vietnam. I would like to be able to protect myself and my family.

STUART WALDMULLER

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

As a lawful and peaceful gun owner who has never committed a crime, who has jumped through the hurdles to legally carry a gun for protection, it is appalling that I must raise my hand and beg permission to exercise my right to self protection. This is especially true when you consider that those that prey on others don't bother getting licensed to carry. Criminals, by definition, do not follow laws that law abiding citizens are bound to. Numerous studies and historic data have shown that as law abiding citizens are allowed to better protect themselves that crime both violent and non-violent are greatly reduced.

Requiring a licence to carry my legally purchased firearms amounts to a de facto gun registration. We have seen that those opposed to the 2nd Amendment will stop at nothing in their goal of oppression and tyranny to eliminate our ability to protect ourselves. We have seen that in the form of the IRS being sent after political opposition, in the form of letters pressuring platforms to deny free speech, even resorting to violence to achieve their goals. If the opposition were to try they could use this license registry as a tool to directly target gun owners. They tried something similar when a newspaper leaked the names and addresses of gun owners. This directly led to home invasions and vandalization.

It is ever more apparent in today's society that we need to protect ourselves, be it from muggings, riots, political motivated violence, or even from random attacks.

I beg you to do all you can to pass Constitutional Carry and further the ideals of peace and law.

Jennifer Ekwonye

Young Americans for Liberty

Murphy, TX

As Black woman, I strongly support Constitutional Carry because it takes away the barriers that most Black women have to try to jump over, just in order to express our right to defend ourselves. All forms of gun control are systemically racist and enacting Constitutional Carry is the best step we can take to undo systemic racism.

Robert Spotswood

Self

Houston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! As a law-abiding citizen, I shouldn't need any "permission slip" from the government to carry my lawfully possessed handgun.

Catherine Spain

self

Boerne, TX

I believe we all have the right to bear arms and protect ourselves. I support our rights as outlined in our original constitution.

Ryan Jacoby

Self

Round Rock, TX

As a Texan, I firmly believe our gun rights shall not be infringed. Show your support for the Constitution and vote in support of this bill.

Bobbie Holmes Taylor-Holmes)

elbosales

MADISONVILLE, TX

Under the Bill of Rights a citizen may carry a gun anywhere for his, and others', protection!

Sylvia Campbell

self

The Woodlands, TX

We have gun permits for good reason. Please do not allow this bill to pass, for the safety of the people of Texas.

William Decker, Maj

Blue Farm

Canton, TX

I strongly support this bill.

Richard Vogel

Self Retired

Montgomery, TX

Under my second amendment rights it should be my prerogative if I choose to carry a firearm in my car and on my person without having to take a concealed carry class. This right should however exclude felons and persons demonstrating mental health issues. A gun safety only class should be mandatory.

Marcus Howard

Self / Information Technology

Lakeway, TX

I hereby request you vote YES for HB 1238.

In *People v. Aguilar* (2013), the Illinois Supreme Court summed up the central Second Amendment findings in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, stating, "the Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense." I am requesting that the great state of Texas grant my fellow Texans and me the same right.

Caleb Ives

Self electrician

Pampa, TX

I support constitutional carry. Our second amendment assures us of our God given right to keep and bear arms. It's past time for constitutional carry to be passed in Texas.

April Dancer

self/ accountant

Houston, TX

I strongly support this bill and firmly request your vote in favor of it as the following comments apply.

The bill repeals the current requirement for a permit/license. As citizens, it is our constitutional right to carry a firearm without infringement. The current requirement for a permit/license infringes upon our rights by requiring said permit/license.

Stuart Dancer
self/healthcare
Houston, TX

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The bill repeals the current requirement for a permit/license. As citizens, it is our constitutional right to carry a firearm without infringement. The current requirement for a permit/license infringes upon our rights by requiring said permit/license.

Danny Ward
Self
Nacogdoches, TX

I support HB 1238. We should not have to ask the government permission and pay a fee in order to exercise our right to self defense. Licensing affects the people that can't afford the class and the license mostly in low income areas where the crime is the highest. Texas does not lead the way in gun rights. There are 18 other states that do not restrict the carrying of handguns to a license. Vermont is one of those. A heavily democrat state that has more freedom than Texas! That's why I support HB 1238.

Emily Dancer
self/retail partner
Houston, TX

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The bill repeals the current requirement for a permit/license. As citizens, it is our constitutional right to carry a firearm without infringement. The current requirement for a permit/license infringes upon our rights by requiring said permit/license.

Charles Trom
Self
Haltom City, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Michael Murphy
Self/ superintendent
Canyon lake, TX

This is our constitutional right, this needs to pass

Santiago Diaz
Self

Seabrook, TX

I support this bill because it affirms law abiding Texans' rights to keep and bear arms. We all know that criminals, by definition, will disregard any law restricting the possession, carrying, and licensing of firearms. Therefore, law abiding Texans should not be restricted from exercising this fundamental right should they choose to do so. I thank you for your consideration and again ask you to support this bill.

Fuston Bull

self

Lake Jackson, TX

I support passage of this bill without any compromising amendments. I fully support constitutional carry in the great state of Texas.

George Guajardo, Mr

Young Americans for Liberty

Austin, TX

My name is George Antonio Guajardo, I go by Tony,

And I am a Regional Director at Young Americans for Liberty, an organization that places principles over party politics, and I am here to testify in support of HB 1238 by Rep. Biedermann and HB 1911 by Rep. White.

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is the most active and effective pro-liberty youth organization advancing liberty on campus and in American electoral politics. Our four step mission is to identify, educate, train, and mobilize youth activists to make liberty win. In Ohio, we had students testify and make calls in support of a free speech bill that became law, and in Kentucky we mobilized students to pressure the establishment to pass Constitutional Carry in that state, and I am very proud as a native Texan to fight for liberty here in the state that has always been my home.

My father and I are both gun owners, we are proud Tejanos, tenemos familia en El Valle y mis abuelitos nacieron en Mexico, and I would like to be able to protect myself and my loved ones as I see fit. Is not this spirit of independence what makes Texans so proud?

We Texans like to believe we are the best, the biggest, the most free, but that is sadly not the case. THIRTY-TWO other states have some form of Constitutional Carry, whereas we do not, including Kentucky, Idaho, our college football rival states (Oklahoma and Louisiana), and even "yankee" states like New Hampshire and Maine.

Just last week our very own Governor Greg Abbott released a tweet saying proudly, "Texas is #1 at EVERYTHING", and I think both the Democrats and Republicans in this committee can think of at least a few areas where we are indeed #1 at being behind the curve. But in the spirit of March Madness, I will refrain from dunking on the governor.

Texas Penal Code 46.02 prohibits hand gun carry outside of one's property, living space, or vehicle. The noted exception is for those with an License to Carry (LTC). However, requiring a license hurts those who are poor, working multiple jobs just to stay afloat, just like my parents did, and many of my family members still do. But the license requirement does nothing to stop a criminal who is already determined to break the law, and infringe on another's life, liberty, or property.

Why does the law-abiding citizen have to wait for permission from the state of Texas to exercise a God-given right inscribed in the US Constitution, while the criminal waits for no man, woman, or law.

Please, I implore you, empower my fellow Tejanos, chicanos, and liberty lovers, peoples of all shapes, sizes, and colors by passing HB 1238 and/or HB 1911. Pass Constitutional Carry, empower the people of Texas. Thank you.

Thomas Foster

self/automotive technician

Blanco, TX

I support this bill because it is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun.

No criminal has ever said, "I want to go commit assault and murder – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in." But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry legally.

Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves.

Cody Bailey

Self / Food prep

Plano, TX

I support this bill because it will give the people of Texas back the rights that were taken. I support this bill because nowhere in the United States Constitution does it say the people need a permit to carry a firearm and I believe this is infringing on our rights to keep and bear arms.

William Spraitzar, Colonel (Ret.)

Self

New Braunfels, TX

This bill would allow law-abiding citizens to carry, possess, transport and store their firearms without permission from the State. The 2nd Amendment includes no provisions where a citizen is required to have special permission to do so. I can understand the safety concerns concerning citizens in our present world who are mentally unsound or incapable of rationale thinking or action, but that population is so small and insignificant to allow the Legislature to punish the overwhelming majority of the population. Defense 2A. Do not compromise. Texas is the national leader in 2A rights.

Andrew Sullivan

Self-Accountant

Dallas, TX

I support this bill. What I like about this bill is that the minimum age to carry a firearm is dropped from 21 to 18. Plus, the ability to carry on campus.

Laurie Knighton

Self

Edgewood, TX

I support the right to legally carry without a permit.

I support lawful gun owners the right to defend themselves and family members.

Richard Knighton

Self

Edgewood, TX

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I support lawful gun owners the right to defend themselves and family members.

KARL VOLK, MR

SELF

SAN ANGELO, TX

Please be a champion for Constitutional Carry in Texas. Enumerated rights endowed by the Almighty should not be for sale to those who can afford it. It would seem that all of the rights in the Bill of Rights belong to the people with no charge except the Second Amendment. One does not need to pay a tax or penalty to redress grievances from government or be secure in their own home so why should self defense cost those who may least be able to afford it? Make Texas a Constitutional Carry state, joining the ranks of 18 other states who value freedom. Thank you.

Roy Lehmann

self

Luling, TX

I strongly support this bill and ask you to push it. I see and here constant reasons to restore our legal rights to legal shelf defense. I'm a law abiding licensed carrier and trucker. Traveling into the Rio Grande Valley. Our youth old enough to give their life over seas, should be able to legally defend themselves at home. Please support all bills supporting our US Constitutional 2nd Amendment. Law abiding citizens need every legal means available to defend against criminals. Who will have weapons, no matter what laws are implemented. Please make us a Constitutional Sanctuary State along with Mississippi and others. Thank you. Roy Lehmann

Jimmy Tobolka, Mr

Self scheduleer

Baytown, TX

I ask that you support this bill

Michael McGallion

Self, electronic technician

Livingston, TX

I believe in the constitution and the bill of rights and eagerly support hb 1238. I believe that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed as it provides me the ability to protect my family, a stranger in need, and myself, my country, and my freedom

Clayton Martin

Self - Engineer

Bryan, TX

I wanted to voice my support for permitless carry in Texas. Doing so, we make state law finally in line with the text of the second amendment to the US constitution. If we are required to ask for a permit from the state to exercise a right, can it really be considered a right?

Opponents of expanded gun rights would point to mass shootings that have been in the news in the last couple weeks. Those events actually point to a need for an expansion of rights to carry, not a restriction, as the best way to deter violent crime is a well armed populace.

I would propose that we remove the ban on carrying in bars and similar places, as other laws still make it illegal to carry if intoxicated, regardless of location. Furthermore, we should allow K-12 carry for LTC holders and permitless carry on college campuses.

Teri Horne

Self/ OCT:WOMEN

Quitman, TX

Hello members, my name is Teri Horne, I reside in Wood County and I Support hb1238 Constitutional Carry. I urge ya'll to pass this legislation making Texas along with 19 other States a Constitutional Carry State. Passage of said legislation would empower more law abiding Texans who can legally own a firearm to carry said firearm in defense of themselves and their families. Many Texans can not financially afford the costs entailed in acquiring Tx LTC. Texans on low/ fixed incomes such as two disabled amputees I care for, who even though they are gun owners, have to go unarmed, leaving them unable to defend themselves. Texans such as single Mothers and Dads, who can't carry their legally owned firearms, their tools for defense, in defense of themselves and their families. We shouldn't make it a hindrance for Texans to be armed with life saving tools, we should be empowering them. Look at what happened in Colorado, my heart absolutely breaks for those Souls who's lives were taken at the hands of a crazed Evil person, I only wish those lost had been armed and had the chance to defend. I can only wonder how many of those people weren't armed due maybe not being able to afford a carry permit . Lets make Texas a Constitutional Carry State, empowering and entrusting her citizens with the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, with the ability to have the ultimate Self Defense tool on their person without having to scrimp, and sacrifice to get a LTC, let's not keep Texans unarmed and unable to defend, God forbid they have to., let's make Texas and her Citizens a resistant force against Evil doers. I could go on about other Constitutional Carry States having no issues, but you'll will hear plenty of stats from others who support Constitutional Carry, I want to appeal to you all, to consider the Texans who go unarmed for reasons of low income/ fixed income, being a single parent who's kids and bills come before the luxury of affording a LTC, who even at the reduced State app, can't afford the entire cost of class and State app. We are in unstable times and Texans , All Texans who can legally do so, deserve to exercise their Right to defend, their Right to Keep and Bear Arms Uninfringed. Lets do this! P.s Thank you for the opportunity to send written testimony electronically, as I'm unable to get off work to be in Austin.

Kimberly McGallion

Self, mom

Livingston, TX

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Brandon Dansfiell

Self-disabled veteran

Tomball, TX

A free man does not ask permission from the government to be free, he is free because it's his right to be free. I support this bill because, Texas has long spoken of and been inaccurately depicted as a gun loving state, while in truth it is one of the most regulated states in the US. It is no longer acceptable to pretend to be a state for free men and women, it is time to make it the truth. It is no longer acceptable to pay a tax for our right, that makes it a privilege not a right. Although Texas won't be the first to join the many states that have already beaten us in reaching constitutional carry, it's not too late for Texas to also be known for freedom. Texans will no longer have to wait for a license to come through or to be approved while desperately hoping to protect their family or themselves. God gave us this right to protect ourselves not Texas, and it's time our state recognizes this. It is my right not my privilege, so I'm not asking I'm telling; constitutional carry must pass.

US Army Combat Veteran and proud son of Texas

Daniel Fingleman, Mr

Father and husband

Humble, TX

I am writing in support of constitutional carry in Texas. The federal government has no authority to tell anyone how to exercise their natural rights. I am a LTC holder and will continue to be but as an 8th generation Texan I should be able to carry my chosen tool of protection in any way I see fit.

Cameron Penick

Self

Midland, TX

This is why the 2nd amendment was added. This should not even be debated

Paul Cooke

self

The Woodlands, TX

I am a law enforcement officer in the Houston metro plex and I SUPPORT this bill.

Michael Mayhew

Self

Rowlett, TX

I support this House Bill as Our Law Enforcement is stretched too thin and I want/need my wife and daughter to be able to protect themselves at all times. This Bill will help keep the citizens of Texas safer.

John Stalder, Deputy Sheriff

Amarillo, TX

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Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Heath Sprinkle

Self /Manager

Georgetown, TX

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Sergio Reyes

Self

Houston, TX

This bill has my full support, I believe in the people's right to bare arms. Therefore owning a firearm should not be restricted in any way. Any form of license or tax should be seen as discriminatory against any race, creed, and or gender. Texas stands tall with great reputation as the beacon of liberty towards a free nation. This bill will do just that. In this great independent state, Texas will once again stand proud in it's effort to expand people's right to bare arms.

Sincerely,
Sergio Reyes

God Bless Texas

Cathy Cannon

Self

Weatherford, TX

I as a Texas citizen support this bill

Brian Ashcraft

Self

Burleson, TX

I support this bill as it supports our 2nd amendment right. I fell it is much safer as I am a legal gun owner.

David Pattillo
Self/Engineer
Cypress, TX

I fully support the right of all Texans (who can legally possess a firearm) to carry a firearm according to their 2nd Amendment rights! Let's make this state more safe.

Curt Waldrip
self
Liberty, TX

I am in favor of this bill since the constitution actually says that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". The current system infringes on those that cannot afford to spend the money required to carry a weapon for their protection or for their family. This infringes on the rights of the less fortunate. Since the permit is required to "bear arms", it is a fee that is required to exercise a constitutional right. Other states, such as Arizona are ahead of us regarding this freedom, it is time for Texas to step up and not lag behind other states regarding freedom. Thank you

John Stiles, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

Hi, my name is John Stiles and I currently reside in Dallas county. I writing in support of this proposed bill 1238. Currently the way I read this bill is that there very little difference under the current LTC provisions rules and this proposed bill of 1238 with the only exception that the proposed bill do not require to register for a permit to carry or license to carry. Currently as of this writing there is 18 States that have some form of permitless carry and 10 additional seeking to do the same including Texas. I think is in total sinc of what our Founding Fathers intended as written in the Bill of Rights under the 2nd Amendment. I don't think Texans should have additional hurdles to overcome to obtain that right to carry since is already stated in the 2nd Amendment. This bill will benefit those of Americans who have limited income and are more inclined to find these personal protections if there no additional payment fees for licensing and will also benefit those especially young women who is seeking personal self protections from an abusive boyfriend or husband. This bill will defacto save lives. The evidence also shows that these individuals will seek the personal safety training to handle such firearms and the take solemn responsibility of owning such firearms. Texans by enlarge are lawful citizens and should be treated as such. I believe this is our time in our History to make this bill into Law. We are in essence declaring our Liberty. We want Liberty.

Jimmy Davis, Marine Veteran
Self - Financial Analyst
Pearland, TX

On August 18, 1990, I took an oath as an 18 year old man seeking to earn the title United States Marine so I could uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. The second amendment to the greatest document ever conceived by mankind in my opinion restricts the government from infringing on our right to bear arms. I have searched diligently for any clause that says unless you take a class, pass a background check, and pay a fee every few years to exercise the right. I have never found anything close to that. These requirements are not very different from the Poll Tax that some states enacted that prohibited law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutionally protected right to vote. For those who can't afford the License To Carry, they are denied the right. I call on you to end this infringement on my and other Texans constitutionally protected right and to recognize the only license we need is the license that was ratified December 15, 1791.

Taylor Cramer

True Patriots

Mission, TX

In the minds of America , Texas represents fierce Independence . That Independence was won by protecting oneself and Nation with Firearms. It is also to ensure that everyone who is law abiding can protect themselves from those who are not law abiding . This is a very uncertain and desperate time we are now in . We have to have the peace of mind that we can protect ourselves and our families . Without that we have nothing , no law and order we have watched police stand down as people have been attacked and property burned to the ground in this last year . It is clear that only you can guarantee your own protection with a firearm , which for all practicality must be concealed and on your persons at all times .

Frank Hersom

Selt, retired

Conroe, TX

Frank W Hersom
12235 Cricket Lane
Conroe, TX 77303

Not a native Texan, but a proud Texas just the same; resident since July 18, 1971.

To Whom It May Concern:

I support HB 1238, HB 2900 and SB 540.

It is time that citizens of Texas are able to exercise their constitutional rights as citizens of Texas as well as citizens of the United States. I tire of rhetoric dispensed by the left who fear guns. In reality, they fear citizens having rights they do not control. The idea of consitiuautional carry and even the right to bear arms is not based on the premise that these were once granted to permit fire arm owners to hunt, rather, the Second Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights, and in fact required, as many felt the need for citizens to protect against tyranny. I quote Richard Henry Lee, delegate to the Continental Congress and member of the first senate which passed the Bill of Rights, "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always posses arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them. Quoting James Madison, "The advantage of being armed... the Americans possess over the people of all other nations....Notwithstanding the military establishments in the several Kingdoms of Europe, which are carried as far as the public resources will bear, the governments are afraid to trust people with arms."

From the foregoing it is clear that the Second Amendment was not for hunting. I know this discussion is not about the Second Amendment per se, but I fear any encroachment on our rights to bear arms is in violation of the Second Amendment, or in other words "shall not be infringed."

Statistics clearly bear out that almost without exception, the criminal element of our society do not follow any gun laws especially in the "gun free zones." Creating legislation based on their activities is un-American. We do not legislate based on the fringe element of society, rather what is good for society as a whole.

I would ask the opponents, what is the basis of your objection? What are you afraid of? If you are doing a decent job of legislating and holding corruption in check you should have no concerns and that, I believe, is the basis for their fears and concerns.

Sincerely, Frank W. Hersom

Tyler Kurtz

Self - IT Auditor

Dallas, TX

This country has suffered multiple mass shootings in the past week alone. People died while they were getting groceries. Families will never be the same. It would be morally bankrupt to cast a vote to allow more guns in more places. I strongly oppose this bill.

Matthew Smith

Self

Wylie, TX

I support this motion!

Braden Schroeder

N/A

Farmersville, TX

Please support this bill and get it passed for Texas. We need the right to protect ourselves in public without a license. If im legal to own a gun then i should be legal to be able to carry my gun as a law abiding citizen as well. We should not have to get a license to simply carry a handgun if i passed a background check to purchase the gun in the first place. Support and pass this bill for Texas

Luis Cortes

self / Software Developer

College Station, TX

This bill would allow law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun without a state-issued License To Carry (LTC). The existing LTC law would not be repealed under these measures, and criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms would still be barred from carrying guns. Also, this legislation would not prevent the enforcement of any laws broken by criminals who misuse firearms. Also, unlike much of the legislation that gets passed these days, this piece of legislation is in line with both Texas Constitution Article 1, § 23 of the Texas Constitution states: "Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Jonathan Fagan

self

Katy, TX

First off, I support this bill. The constitution doesn't say the "right to keep and bear arms should not be infringed once you have a license." Implementing constitutional carry begins to realign Texas law with the ideals of the founding fathers and empowers individuals to be able to protect themselves and others. Thank you.

Andres Aguilar

self

Houston, TX

i support this bill

Nicholas Smith

Self Teacher+

Houston, TX

I am an LTC permit holder, however, I do not believe that there should be a requirement for people to pay a fee or otherwise satisfy the state in order for them to have basic human rights. The right to life is the most basic of human rights. The right to be armed in defense of one's life is a direct consequence of this right to life, and cannot be logically separated from it. Texas should join with the other states that have permitted the basic human freedom of going armed in defense of oneself and others. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United State did not and does not grant a right to bear arms, it acknowledges a right which already exists, granted by Nature, and Nature's God and forbids infringement upon that right. The incorporation of the Bill of Rights to the States by the 14th Amendment likewise forbids its infringement by State governments. Even if it did not I cannot imagine why the great State of Texas seeks to remove rights from its citizens that were granted by God and enshrined in the Bill of Rights as protected from Government interference.

Please restore from government interference the right of the people, and of persons as individuals, the right to carry arms, in their own defense and in the defense of others. This is a human right, and Texas should not be a part of repressing it.

I hope you will pass this bill and restore the rights of Texans, so help you, God.

Marcus Brown

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I was in a store with a couple dozen men, women, and children when an individual held us at gun point during an armed robbery. One of the men inside the store at the time was a law enforcement officer, but he was unarmed, as were all of us, except the criminal. No one dared make a move, hoping that our cowering in fear would save us. Several of us used our cell phones to dial 911, slipping them back into our pockets hoping to be rescued, but the entire event happened so quickly that help couldn't have possibly come in time. will never forget the feeling helplessness and defenselessness that I experienced that day. There are few things in life that can completely strip you of everything like being utterly exposed and defenseless when a criminal threatens your life.

In the aftermath, the police came too late to help, the media was right behind them, along with a district manager. I asked the district manager how much money was stolen, he said about \$45. I replied that at least they had him on camera, to which he emotionlessly replied that they did not have closed circuit cameras installed in the store because there was nothing in the store that was valuable enough to justify the cost. I just walked away, in shock that I had just survived an armed robbery and in shock that I wasn't valuable enough to justify a camera.

The hard truth is that the only person that you can rely upon to save your hide is yourself, because you are always on your own scene.

Before that day, I did not really care about defending myself, I never thought that I would be a statistic. I told myself that things like that happen to other people, the danger too remote to personally give time of day. I learned the hard way that I was wrong. Looking down the barrel of a criminals gun can happen to anyone at any time. I learned later that one of the employees

recognized the armed robber, he had cased the store a few hours earlier and apparently found that it was suitably defenseless.

Criminals by definition do not obey the law, they don't care about our laws, any of them. All forms of gun control are exclusively for law abiding citizens. Concealed carry is great for defense, but really terrible at deterrent because by definition, no one knows that you have it. Open carry is a deterrent and a defense.

Any open carry law should be as robust as possible, peacemeal bills will not be passed, and parcel tongue will be gutted at the bench. When our founding fathers wrote the Bill of Rights, they had lived without those rights, at the mercy of the often merciless. They chose not to write some hollow platitude about outlawing victim hood or the hiring of therapists. They chose not to attempt to outlaw drugs and criminals. No, they chose to empower victims to not be a victim in the first place. You must ask yourselves if you support law abiding people deterring criminals by their mere existence, it is my hope that everyone unite in support of effective crime prevention like open carry

Robert Sarkozi

Self/ Disabled

New Braunfels, TX

I would hope that any representative considering voting for this bill remembers the old saying, "You give them an inch and they'll take a mile."

Too many inches have already been given in regard to this subject and we are now many miles from the original intent of legal carry. The madness has to stop somewhere. We don't need to take guns away from anyone but really?

Jordan Hays

Self/Assistant Manger.

Belton, TX

I support this bill. This bill is just one step closer to make the lone star state safer, for its citizens and visitors.

If you were to compare violent crimes in the states with the high restrictions on firearms to states with a constitutional carry law you will find that, states with high restrictions have more violent crime rates, than the states with a constitution carry law in place.

Putting more firearms, in the hands of law abiding citizens, is not only a deterrent for criminals. It would also allow law abiding citizens to carry, a firearm, that cannot afford to take the time off work, or leave their children unattended just to get a carry license.

It would also allow these citizens the chance and ability to save their own lives, as well as others, if the situation ever dictates, that they would have to use force to save their life or another. The police in this great state are wonderful. But the police cannot be everywhere.

As a former Correctional Officer I believe this bill will also help us, stop overcrowding our prisons because a citizen with a firearm is not, a easy target, and criminals prefer easy targets.

Andrew Reiste

self

Quinlan, TX

I support this bill

Misty Cloud

Self

Livingston, TX

I support constitutional carry regarding personal safety and the 2nd amendment. I support Kyle Beidermann's bill

James R Carter Sr

Self/Retired

Mineola, TX

Ladies & Gentleman of The Texas House of Representatives, Greetings,

I wish to state that It Is High Time that all citizens of Our Great State of Texas be allowed to Openly, Constitutionally, Carry A Handgun if we meet the legal requirements to do so. Our US Constitution Has Always Stated that We have "The Right to Keep And Bear Arms." We Have Always Had That Right, Ladies & Gentlemen, But Not In Texas!

It's Past Time To Fix This Antiquated Jim Crow miscarriage of justice. Please Do Your Duty, And Honor The Majority in Our Great State as we have Strongly Expressed Ourselves to Our Texas Congressmen and Our Texas Senators. One of Our Congressmen Authored This Bill. Apparently Many of Them Were Listening, And I Appreciate Their Attentiveness.

I'm an old guy, A Native Texan, And I don't feel safe at night if I have to walk any distance to get to my personal vehicle when I'm not at home. If I'm in town, I have to do so, Now, totally unarmed because Texas State Law Says So! A Concealed Carry License is Too Expensive for many older folks, And our current president has Opened Our Southern Border to a Very Criminal Element and I Know that there are Too Few Lawmen To Protect Us All!

We, the lawful residents of Our Great, Sovereign State of Texas, Deserve The RIGHT Of US "Constitutional Carry."

Thank You For Your Time & May The Lord God Continue To Bless TEXAS!

Matthew Jones

Self (Railroad)

Coperas Cove, TX

I support this bill

Lee Edwards, Mr.

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

I am in favor of the Constitutional Carry of firearms, either openly or concealed.

Joshua Weinstein

Self

Fort Worth, TX

As a Texan, I (and most people I know here) fully support constitutional carry for all eligible gun owners--including those aged 18 to 20. All adults are free to act independently and should have access to their full constitutional rights. Given the imminent authoritarian tidal wave from DC, Texas should set an example for the rest of the states by passing true constitutional carry and standing up for the rights of its citizens. ALL law abiding adults in Texas should be free to protect their lives and families. Carry licensing and training has benefits, but it ought to be a choice--not a mandate.

Keith Granado

Self

Canyon Lake, TX

I am pro 2nd amendment and believe every legal citizen has the constitutional right to carry a firearm. I believe ltc permits limit ones 2nd amendment rights, regardless of laws criminals will always do what they want and limiting the law abiding citizens is a disservice to our people.

Kyle McClintock, Mr.

Self

Pflugerville, TX

Hello,

My name is Kyle. I support HB 1238 by Biedermann. In the midst of federal rhetoric about taking firearms from citizens, this bill will help Texans secure their rights. As many police departments have been understaffed and defunded, it is most important to give the citizens of Texas the ability to feel safe in their communities. I thank God for strong leadership and the gift that he has given to y'all to discern wrong from right.

Only by Grace,

Steve Strmiska, Mr

Self

Bastrop, TX

Please support this bill

Gerald Migely

self, retired

Kerrville, TX

I am writing in support of HB 1238. I support allowing all Texas citizens aged 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm the right to do so without the requirement of getting permission from the state. A majority of states have some form of permit less carry, including all the states surrounding Texas. Criminals intent on doing harm to others with a firearm or other lethal weapon do not worry about whether they need "permission" from the state to carry a firearm. Texas citizens should have to right to defend themselves against such criminals. Please support HB 1238.

Kaye Losch

self

Longview, TX

I support this bill. As a Texas resident and a God fearing individual, responsible citizens should have the right to carry to protect ourselves without the infringement of governmental fees and red tape. Criminals will always have guns even though it is illegal. It is a proven fact as in Vermont that constitutional carry lowers the crime rates. As a single senior citizen I need to know that I have the ability and the backing to defend myself. Thanks.

Ryan Alexander, Mr.

Self

Lindale, TX

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David Bounds

self

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Arvin Alvarez

Self, engineer

Pearland, TX

I am writing this comment today to express my support for HB 1238. With the passage of a constitutional carry bill in this great state, I believe that we will make our state even safer.

By removing the licensure requirement for Texans to carry a firearm, we are bringing Texas closer to our founding fathers' vision of a free republic while simultaneously reducing financial burdens on working class Texans. Furthermore, the passage of this bill will lead to a reduction in crime due to the increase in opportunity for Texans to lawfully engage in self defense.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that HB 1238 passes.

Duane Walterscheid

Self

Gainesville, TX

Sound common sense!!!

I want constitutional carry pasted for the good of all Texans!!!!

To defend our selfs against something like Bolder

Colardo

Dalton Takahata

Self

Houston, TX

I support this measure

Julie Tranbarger

Self

Cypress, TX

I support this bill. Texans support the 2nd amendment. We need to be able to protect ourselves with the open border policy of the federal government. #Texit

Ron Frame

self/retired

Frankston, TX

Strongly support as the Constitution provides this safeguard against Government overreach.

Virginia Adair

Self, homemaker

Maxwell, TX

Please pass. It's our right

Trevor Fish

Self Lead Fuel Clerk

Allen, TX

I support this bill. I believe not only is it the right of American citizens to bear arms in self defense but it is the duty of the citizens to legally aid in the defense of their communities be that from crime or foreign invaders. As such Texas citizens need the right to bear their arms outside their homes. I also believe that the current licensing system for carrying a firearm puts those citizens who less financially fortunate at the mercy of violent criminals. So I believe that it is vitally important for the safety of our communities to pass Constitutional Carry.

John Young, Sr

Self

Round Rock, TX

As an American Citizen and resident of the great State of Texas, I support this bill . The majority of States do not require licensing to carry a handgun in some form and neither should Texas. I would also like to also state that licensing does nothing to

stop criminals or reduce crime.

It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their constitutional right under Article 2 of the United States Bill of Rights.

Any citizen in good standing who is old enough to purchase/possess a handgun should be allowed to exercise their right to keep and bear arms.

In closing I would like to thank the Author, Joint Author, and Co-Authors for working to allow Constitutional Carry in the great (and Free) State of Texas.

Meher Banow
Self/ Yoga Instructor
Round Rock, TX

I support this bill because Constitutional carry is a fundamental right as stated in our 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. Criminals do not care about laws, permits, and making sure that they have the right paperwork. Restricting law abiding citizens, and delaying the process by requiring permits prolongs individuals from being able to protect themselves in self-defense if the need ever arises. Criminals will do what they do, carry regardless of any laws. That is why they are criminals. I support Constitutional carry.

Scott Walston
Self
Uvalde, TX

I support this bill for the following reasons.
Current lawful carry laws were discriminatory, focused on prohibiting blacks from carrying guns after the civil war. Other states that have not restricted lawful citizens to carry firearms generally have lower crime rates. Criminals will not obey laws regarding lawful carry and without the right to protect ourselves, and others, from criminal activities, we are vulnerable to increased crime.
Thank you.

Michael Davis
Self, recycler
Waxahachie, TX

It is now time for Texas to pass constitutional carry. It is our constitutional right and our god given right to protect ourselves. There are already several states that are ahead of Texas on this, Texas should have been the first. In the constitution it specifically says "shall not be infringed". As long as I've been alive, that's all government has done, is infringe upon our rights. It is now time for Texas to take the lead and show the country, not just about gun rights, but all rights, freedoms and liberties WILL NOT BE INFRINGED upon in Texas.

John Young
Self
Taylor, TX

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Larry Bradberry

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I am a licensed carrier ... Texas has already legalized open carry for permit holders ... most people never open carry simply because it makes you the first target of a bad guy that may start shooting ... I am all for constitutional carry ... it will make Texas a safer place to live

Carol Woodworth

Self/Retired

Keller, TX

I support HB 1238 which would align Texas with other states that recognize our Constitutional right to carry firearms without a permit. I am a numbers person and the numbers demonstrate that violent crime rates go down within 5 years after states pass Constitutional Carry. Vermont who has never required a license to carry is ranked one of the safest states in the US. In 2019, 4 out of the 5 safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Idaho). Texas will be a safer state after passing Constitutional Carry.

Ann Schwartz

Self (Educator)

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and ask lawmakers on the committee to vote against it. Owning and carrying a gun is a serious responsibility, and individuals need to be trained and licensed to do this. We need to make sure that people are not carrying guns who should be prohibited from doing so. We do not need guns in the hands of more and more people who cannot handle the responsibility. Our society will certainly be made less safe by this bill. In light of the horrific and tragic mass shootings of the last week I hope that committee members will take seriously their own responsibility to protect their constituents and all Texans from gun violence.

Talisa Chavez, Mrs.

Self / stay at home mother

Lubbock, TX

I support this bill because it is my right and I would feel much safer and because we should all feel safe. I am a woman and there are times I have felt vulnerable to being defenseless against real world situations .

Kathleen Crea
Texas Women for Justice
The Woodlands, TX

I am uncomfortable with a person carrying a firearm who has not been trained nor certified to do so.

Donna Schmidt
myself
Dallas, TX

I oppose all of the bills that would dismantle our Texas permitting system including requirements for gun safety training and background checks. The states where the permits are not required, such as Arizona and Alaska have seen significant increase in aggravated assaults with a gun (Alaska 465 Increase in the Average Number Aggravated Assaults with a Gun Per Year and in Arizona- 921 Increase in the Average Number Aggravated Assaults with a Gun Per Year) States that have weakened their firearm permitting system have experienced an 11 percent increase in handgun homicide rates.(Siegel M., et al. "Easiness of Legal Access to Concealed Firearm Permits and Homicide Rates in the United States". American Journal of Public Health. (2017). <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2017.304057>.) States that have weakened their firearm permitting system have experienced a 13-15 percent increase in violent crime rates.(Donohue J., Aneja A., and Weber K. "Right-To-Carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State-Level Synthetic Control Analysis". National Bureau of Economic Research. (2018). <https://www.nber.org/papers/w23510.pdf>.)

David Lane
Self
Royse City, TX

I support this bill, I believe it is valuable right to be able to protect ourselves and our family from those who would try to harm us.

Colby Brandon
self manufacturing
fort davis, TX

I support this bill. I live in a border county and in the last couple months we have had immigrants burn peoples homes, break into occupied residencies, steel vehicles and other items and confront ranchers preforming their daily chores. Most of these immigrants are good decent people that are hoping for a better life but a small percentage of them are involved with the cartels and have violent criminal records. The citizens of Texas have the right to defend themselves and shouldn't have to beg the state, pay a fee and jump through a bunch of unconvinent hoops to exercise a birth given right, plus with the processing delays and general time it takes to acquire a blessing from the state, especially considering our current state of affairs i see this as a major issue concerning life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Also, states with permitless carry enjoy lower crime rates so this should be a no-brainer. It's time for us free Texans to catch up in regards to freedom.

Deborah Leiber

self / retired attorney

The Woodlands, TX

I am strongly opposed to the expansion of permit-less carry!! In a country that has had two mass shootings in the past week, we need to be passing legislation that would impose stronger common sense safeguards. The Supreme Court has held that common sense restrictions on guns are allowed.

Kathryn Means

Texas Women for Justice

The Woodlands, TX

Permit-less carry defies common sense. Do you really want unvetted and untrained people who may have a criminal background, mental health issues , issues with race or gender roaming around with lethal weapons? We didn't send you to Austin to enact such senseless measures. Try to think about the consequences of your actions. Are you in the pocket of the NRA? Firearms manufactures? Hard to understand your motivation for introducing these bills.

Donald Gibson

self - retired

Corsicana, TX

Please support this bill

Brian Stone

Self

Wichita falls, TX

We need constitution carry of handguns. We should not have to ask for a permission slip to carry a handgun when it's our right. We have constitution carry for rifles and we don't have to have a permission slip for rifles. It's not going to be the wild west we have liscend open carry of handguns and there has been no problems with that not everyone can afford to pay for a license to carry a gun. If you can buy a hand gun you should be able to carry it without a license.

Walter Rhomberg jr

Self Security officer

Corpus Christi, TX

It's our 2nd Amendment right

Andres Mendez

Self

Bertram, TX

Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a

racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.

Derek Moyes
self, systems engineer
San Antonio, TX

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Cori Ferraro
Self
San Antonio, TX

I urge you to oppose permitless carry of a firearm. States that have passed permitless carry legislation have had significant increases in firearm crimes, such as Alaska and Arizona. It is already frightening to know that people next to me in the grocery store, kids soccer games, and the movie theatre might be carrying a gun. But at least I know that these persons have completed required training and a background check, and have been granted a permit. Without these safeguards, I don't feel safe as a Texan going about my daily life with my three kids. This is the type of extreme bill, disregarding public safety, that make me seriously consider moving out of this state.

Curtis Cauthen
Self
Huntsville, TX

In Texas a adult is 17, a 17 year old can join the military with parental consent, an 18 year old can go over seas to fight and die. Both in Texas and Americas founding revolutions 17 year old kept and beared arms.

It is a travesty that we restrict the rights of adults who can fight and die defending our country. We even had to make adjustment to the laws that prevent them from keeping and bearing handguns because 17-20 year olds in our country still do keep and bear them.

It is our innate human right, to keep and bear arms. The amendments America's founding fathers wrote in to defend that right with simple clear rhetoric. In the language of the day a well regulated militia being necessary to the defense of a free state, The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Regulation isnt something our founder thought about being a limitation placed on the state but a minimum standard of a effective fighting force. As they wrote in those times a well regulated clock kept time accurately, a well regulated ship had experienced crew and was well stocked, and a well regulated militia drilled regularly and was well equipped.

For decades this states government has infringed upon our right to keep and bear arms, they have required us to as permission to carry handguns and even restrict adults with full thought of mind to be able to consent to action their innate human rights.

We are not a nation nor state of LAW and ORDER. We are a nation that over threw LAW and ORDER because if violated our rights because we are a nation of Rights, Liberty and Freedom. A Kings laws can be just as unjust as the laws that come from the people. CCL laws infringe upon, Limiting handguns to 21 year olds infringe upon, Preventing arms on private property because they are 51% is an infringement, and so are laws that prevent felons from owning guns.

There are laws right now that would make people a felon from practicing their god given right to keep and bear a firearm. Such as putting a vertical grip on a handgun, sawing off the barrel of a shot gun, or making a suppressor. There are unjust laws and it is our duty and responsibility to not comply and disobey them. If a felon is so dangerous that they cant be allowed the right to defend them selves then maybe they shouldn't be outside of prison. Maybe I disagree with taxes and protest by not paying them but now have ended up a felon. Or what ever whacky laws the federal government comes up with.

Lets not forget the why, we have CCL laws. It was to prevent people in the hood from being able to carry a handgun, the fee was high for that purpose despite it not needing to be high and that the CCL did nothing to stop any crime.

I do not and will not comply with CCL laws, that is my duty just as it is your duty to correct the wrongs of government and to prevent mob tyranny. All gun laws are infringements and have to be disobeyed, compliance is tyranny.

Krystal Linder

Self

Round Rock, TX

As an American Citizen and resident of the great State of Texas, I support this bill . The majority of States do not require licensing to carry a handgun in some form and neither should Texas. I would also like to also state that licensing does nothing to stop criminals or reduce crime.

It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their constitutional right under Article 2 of the United States Bill of Rights.

Any citizen in good standing who is old enough to purchase/possess a handgun should be allowed to exercise their right to keep and bear arms.

In closing I would like to thank the Author, Joint Author, and Co-Authors for working to allow Constitutional Carry in the great (and Free) State of Texas.

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Tracy Cornelius

self

Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to permitless carry of guns. I want to support our law enforcement officers and not make their jobs harder by putting them in a position to have to deal with more untrained civilians carrying guns. I fear permitless carry will increase unintentional firearm deaths. Most gun owners agree that safety training and licensing are important. Most people (of all political parties) are opposed to permitless carry. (https://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport_main.aspx?g=26828866-3c44-4347-b7f2-aff559766aa3) Please respect the wishes of the majority of your constituents and do not pass permitless carry. The training required for a permit can only make Texas safer. This bill makes Texans less safe.

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Self

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Pat Jackson, Mrs

Self

La Grange, TX

On behalf of myself, my veteran husband, father, grandfather, two brothers, four brothers in law, I am more than happy to submit my comments supporting this bill.

Kaye Peterson

Self/Dentist (retired)

Edgewood, TX

I support this bill. Our Constitution says the people have the right to keep AND bear Arms.

guy boroughs, Mr.

Self

Aubrey, TX

On July 4th 1776, a thought was introduced to the world allowing for the rights of man to declared based on allowances above the laws of man. Of those truths, all of which self-evident, the right of the people to bare arms was identified and protection was the name of the game. June 8th, 2008, The Supreme Court of the United States defined the term "To Bare" means "To Carry". There are currently over 20,000 laws spanning the U.S. restricting our rights as firearm owners, most of which do absolutely nothing to actually stop a crime or cease the creation of a victim. It is unlawful to restrict our court defined rights in ANY way let alone in a way that is specifically defined in the U.S. constitution. Infringement is defined as an encroachment or trespass on a right or privilege. In this case, as defined by the courts of this great land, and the U.S. Constitution, which the State of Texas swore to uphold, the rights of the people to bare arms at any given time shale not be infringed. In order to follow what has been defined, You must vote to allow for "Constitutional Carry"

Andrew Johnson

Young Americans for Liberty

Houston, TX

The right to defend oneself or one's property from governmental or individual aggression is God-given, inalienable, Constitutionally protected, and therefore should not require permission from the government (in the form of a permit that can only be obtained through mandatory LTC/CHL classes).

Voting rights and the right to bear arms are both constitutionally guaranteed and should be instituted with consistency. HB 1238 is the only con carry legislation this session that eliminates the inconsistent 3-year gap between voting and gun rights. This law would supersede gun bans on public university campuses and level the playing field for young women who would otherwise be harassed or assaulted by sexual predators.

All Texans of legal age should be embarrassed by the fact that yankees in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire were able to exercise their 2A right to self-defense without permission from the State before us.

Lee Langehennig

Self- Sales

Bandera, TX

I support this bill because multiple states allow open/concealed carry without a license and there are no indications of rampant crime increases in those areas. Individuals who are not prohibited from purchasing and owning firearms have enough common sense for basic firearm safety and understanding of the law for self defense. Criminals have not and will not follow any rules or regulations regarding firearms. Those who wish to get further training in firearms and legal information in regards to self defense should have the freedom to explore that at their own free will and would generally do so.

Salome Briseno

Self

Rockwall, TX

I support this bill.
Constitutional carry is granted by the 2nd Amendment.

KATHARINE NIMMONS

self

Dallas, TX

I am a Texan strongly opposed to legislation that would allow permitless carry for firearms in this state. There is no need to replace the current system with laws encouraging individuals to carry guns in public without a permit, without a criminal history check, or without any safety training. A 2015 study from Mount St. Mary's University and the National Gun Victims Action Council found that law enforcement experts, firearm trainers, and military personnel overwhelmingly agree that people who carry concealed weapons in public should take firearm training, including live-fire training. HB 1238 removes that requirement, endangering law abiding Texans who should be able to shop for groceries, attend church, drive on highways, and play in parks without fear of an untrained, un-vetted stranger with a gun. I encourage the committee to listen to law enforcement, veterans, and community members who point out the dangers of this legislation. I also challenge the committee to identify a single reason why the existing system ought to be dismantled. This is a dangerous solution in search of a problem. Texans deserve better than this bill.

Jason Marquardt

Self Program Manager

Waxo, TX

This is our constitutional right. Stripping law abiding citizens of their rights violates our basic rights. We, the law obeying citizens, are the majority. You are passing legislature that essentially lumps us into the criminal world and that is flat out wrong. Think about increasing law enforcement versus cutting. Y'all worry about folks speeding and parking tickets while serious criminal offenses are occurring.

Charles Crooks

Myself

Fort Worth, TX

Please support this measure.

Jimmy Max Waddell

Self

Roanoke, TX

I support this Bill. I have three daughters who, when going to college, cannot defend themselves against a unexpected attacker. They must have the right to carry a force multiplier such as a hand gun. Don't let criminals have the upper hand when committing crimes against law abiding citizens.

Dane Robberson

self, security consultant

Irving, TX

To the good representatives of the committee, a comment on constitutional or permit-less carry:

- 1) Conceptually, regulation and fees in exercise of inalienable rights is a non-sequitur - especially when discussing protection and safety.
- 2) Prohibited persons do not ask permission and do carry regardless of authorization. This creates an imbalance of force between those who intend harm and the helpless.
- 3) The right to self protection should be afforded all free citizens as defined by the constitution of the United States.
- 4) In many other states, Constitutional carry has been demonstrated to a) Increase firearms training attendance and b) has NOT resulted in increased firearm related criminal activity.

In conclusion, constitutional carry is the right thing to do for Texas.

Thank you, kindly.

Mark W. Hatch

Self

Goldthwaite, TX

I SUPPORT THESE Bills..without hesitation. Texas is LONG overdue for its law-ABIDING, honorable citizens THE RIGHT TO DEFEND themselves WITHOUT 'permission' from a modern, off-the-rails liberal government who wishes to do nothing BUT protect the criminal element by withholding this God-given right as granted by OUR Constitution AND Bill of Rights! There is ZERO common sense being promoted here by NOT allowing the people of the state of Texas..who are LEGALLY allowed to defend themselves, do so WITHOUT having to carry "their papers"..think Gestapo, Germany. We ARE, certainly WERE..one of THE 'leading' states when it comes to freedom, liberty of personal rights. WHY, are we so long in NOT allowing the most precious of freedoms such as "protecting our loved ones, ourselves AND the innocents in our midst" UNLESS we have A 'permit'? DO the RIGHT thing, PASS these Bills...Thank you.

PHILLIP PETERSON

SELF ATTORNEY AT LAW

EDGEWOOD, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238 because "Constitutional Carry" is what the authors of both the U.S. and Texas Constitution intended. If you can legally purchase a handgun to defend yourself, your right to defend yourself (which is one of the most profound natural rights that a human being can possess) should not end when you walk out of the front door of your home. The "right to BEAR arms" could not be any more clear. It is not a right to "OWN" firearms. It's time for Texas to join the ranks of the majority of the other states in the U.S. that allow permitless carry of handguns by lawful gun owners. Thank you.

JoAnn Gould, Mrs.

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

License to carry is discriminatory against poor and elderly to defend themselves!

Kenneth Norris

Self --Licensed Real Estate Broker, Licensed Auctioneer, Licensed Insurance Sales Person, Retired Licensed Educator-Teacher, Coach, Principal, Superintendent, CDL & LTC

Sanderson, TX

I support these bills and appreciate the authors. Thank you for allowing public comment. Cars are more dangerous than guns, I have not heard of one person supporting the idea of taking our automobiles from us because of their danger threat.

Kenn Norris

John Conner

Self/Adjunct professor

Houston, TX

Honorable Committee:

I support this bill. Bans on carrying handguns were enacted in the Southern states during Reconstruction as a racist measure. But these bans were unequally enforced and were intended to keep black people from carrying guns. The elitist mindset behind this law is intolerable, and it's time to get rid of this Jim Crow-era law and move closer to "liberty and justice for all" by allowing handgun carry for all honest citizens.*

*The Dark Secret of Jim Crow and the Racist Roots of Gun Control by David Kopel, March 2011, in America's 1st Freedom

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Origins of US Gun Control by Steve Ekwall

(<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/media/29093/the-racist-origins-of-us-gun-control.pdf>),

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John Lott's PowerPoint presentation for Kentucky (from 2019, before Oklahoma and Kentucky)

Jim Newman

self

Grapevine, TX

I support this bill, this bill like other related bills being presented today follows our Constitution and gives the people of Texas their Second Amendment rights. Like the other related bills where the age limits vary between 21 and 18, we must consider that age limit, as I look at the related bills over ages set I have to consider this, if a person can serve in our armed forces at 18 and die our country then they should have the right to own and carry a firearm.

CP Boroughs

Self

Palestine, TX

As a Woman, A Mother, A Teacher, A Person, and A Texan I formally request that you 'allow' me to carry a firearm on my person at any given time. We never know when a life threatening event may present itself. Nor when the opportunity to save a person may be unveiled. Restrictions, that are counter to the U.S Constitution and clearly defined in DC vs. Heller, should not need to be heard by any committee in any state or 'allowed" (which is a direct infringement). The ability to protect My children, students, family, friends, self or even strangers should never have to be explained or 'allowed'. Our country defines our rights based not on the fear of what others may do, but on assurance of inalienable rights which harm none. Having a firearm on my person is no different than wearing a watch, except that when a risk of harm is evident, a firearm can save not just myself but many. Please, stop infringing on my rights by living in fear, as those that would do harm will always exist, and the ability to protect must be equated via our constitutional rights.

Margaret McKee

self

QUINLAN, TX

You can't take away an Americans right to defend themselves and their families. Taking away that right gives the criminals an advantage. Fix the system! If someone is know to be mentally ill then that person shouldn't be given the right to carry one. Fix the system!

Keith Hoffman

Self - IT manager

Irving, TX

I support this bill.

WHEREAS: The Right of the People to defend themselves from violent criminal attack is God-given and unalienable; and

WHEREAS: This Right is protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and includes the right to carry a

handgun for self-defense; and

WHEREAS: Requiring law-abiding citizens to beg for government permission through the permit system before they can exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms is a clear violation of that right;

THEREFORE: On behalf of law-abiding gun owners all across the state of Texas, I insist you publicly go on record in support of Constitutional Carry and work to advance this piece of pro-gun legislation.

Christopher Baxter

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill because ANY infringement on our 2nd Amendment right, including paying for a permit, is and should be seen as unconstitutional which harms every law abiding citizen. We have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms and this right "shall not be infringed."

Jackie Moore

Self

Rockwall, TX

In support of bill

Pamela Slocomb

self retired

Spring, TX

Please support current Texas Gun Law and NOT permit-less carry. Please oppose HB 1238 and HB 1927

Richard Craig

self

west tawokoni, TX

support 1238

Troy Maynard

Self, Locksmith

Dripping Springs, TX

I ask that you support this bill. I am a Texas gun owner and I actually believe God gives me this right NOT a politician. So please support the Constitution you swore to uphold. I am a law abiding person and criminals don't follow laws you know this.

Sincerely,

Troy Maynard

Andrew Wilson, Mr.
Self Journeyman Plumber
Atlanta, TX

I support constitutional carry

Janet Reiners Balboni
Self-retired attorney
Houston, TX

I believe carrying a firearm should require a permit. We desperately need the safeguards involving vetting of people applying for permits and live-fire training. Gun carrying licenses are necessary and should not be eliminated.

Thomas Lea
Self
Plano, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL AND URGE YOU TO PASS IT.

Samuel Montez
Self
Odessa, TX

I am writing you to show my support for constitutional carry.

Agustin Zuniga
Myself, My Right to Bear Arms.
Eagle Pass, TX

I see ,I had to pick one of the 4 bills that are related to Firearms, but I just going to quote someone, and hole that Quote can give you a slight idea of why, this measure has to be done here in the of Texas. And it says like this...

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such Laws make thing worse for the assaulted and better the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicide, For an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence then an armed one."

Authored by Cesare Beccaria.
Quoted by Thomas Jefferson.

Thank You

Lawrence Johnson
JPAR Realtor

Temple, TX

WE NEED CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY NOW

Paul Salas

Self

San Antonio, TX

As a Texas native and second amendment absolutist,I hereby decree my full support for the Lone Star State.In terms of joining the ranks of constitutional carry territory.Criminals willingly turn a blind eye to license requirements,yet citizens are obligated to leave their firearms at home for lack of a government permission slip?Simply blasphemous.It is now more critical than ever that Texas take its rightful place on the stage of freedom,as 18 states have thus done before us.Sincerely,
A concerned citizen.

Mark McCormick

YYYY

Fort Worth, TX

Beyond time to pass this legislation

Murray Miller

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill as it will allow people to legally carry to protect themselves and fellow Texan's against those such as recent Boulder , Colorado deranged mental illness shooter

Teresea Avant

Self

Pattison, TX

?Constitutional Carry gun rights for TEXAS

grant carr

self, software engineer

flowermound, TX

I support this bill. A law abiding citizen using their second amendment right should not be required to be licensed. Constitutional Carry is common since.

Christopher Karabats

Self/Operations Engineer

Round Rock, TX

It's embarrassing that Texas is so far behind in recognizing the constitutional right to carry a firearm without licensing requirements. How several New England states have this before us is unfathomable. This bill needs to be signed yesterday.

Don Rumsey

SELF

Tomball, TX

I support 2nd Amendment rights and the constitutional right to carry!

Laura Weaver

self, retired

Spring, TX

Please oppose HB 1238. The thought of people being able to carry a gun without undergoing a background check and safety training is very frightening to me.

Roger Smith, Mr.

Self/Retired

Houston, TX

Texans should not be unconstitutional prohibited from the ability to self protection

Tim Scott

self

Austin, TX

It's time for Texas to join the 16 states which already have constitutional carry--including Vermont, home of Bernie Sanders--in fully recognizing the natural human right of self defense acknowledged by Second Amendment to the US Constitution. If we fail to stand up now, Texas will soon find itself on a short list of liberty hating states.

Mike Schlatre, Mr

Nra

Queen City, TX

Please vote for our constitutional rights. Thank you

Gary Davis

Myself

Kingsville, TX

I support the rights of all Texas citizens to openly carry a firearm/ handgun for thier protection. It is the right of every individual to have the means necessary to protect themselves and their families when confronted by threats to their safety.

Gary Davis
Kingsville, Texas

Rodolfo Sanchez
Self Regulatory & Compliance Associate
SCHERTZ, TX

Dear Sir or Madam,
The Constitution of the United States of America, clearly outlines in the 2nd Amendment that our right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Rights are inalienable, meaning rights that we're born with. Requiring law abiding Texans to apply for a license to exercise these rights is unconscionable and unconstitutional! I am a Disabled American Veteran and first generation American. I've been to other countries (my family's country of origin) and seen what happens when the people cannot protect themselves. My allowing for "Constitutional Carry", we are ensuring that all races, ethnicities of all socioeconomic backgrounds are able to protect themselves as the constitution states! All Texans rights would equally be recognized!

Deidre Yuknavich
Self/retired
Keller, TX

Freedom to carry

David Wiesner
Self, Retired
Austin, TX

I am a citizen of this State and I urge you to consider my humanity in your passing this House Bill 1238. My, and your safety and security is at stake, potentially.

Nick Baker
Myself and taxpayers
Houston, TX

We live in TEXAS! Why are we not leading the nation in this? This is a total no brainer not sure why this is tough for some of y'all.

Roger Irwin
SELF ARTIST
Dallas, TX

I strongly favor this bill.Please vote in favor of 1238

Arthur Webb
Texas citizens
Garwood, TX

I strongly support this bill
As a law-abiding citizen, I should not have to beg and bribe my representatives for permission to practice the basic human right of being prepared to defend my life and my Liberty

Andrew Valadez
self
Houston, TX

I am a Marine Veteran and thankful to the American people who provided my training and access to many weapons to defend our country. As a Marine I did not need a permit to carry while in service. As a veteran, I do not support legislation which restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens 18 or older. We must adhere to the protections codified by the Second Amendment without the need for a license. I trust the American people and am appreciative of their trust in me when I served. My final statement:

I support permitless carry for lawful gun owners age 18+, and advocate for no distinctions between LTC and permitless carry.

Tom Cunningham
Self
Austin, TX

The right to self defense is the most important right any individual can have and a firearm levels the playing field. There are some other states who have already enacted constitutional carry legislation, and put us to shame. I was not born in Texas, I chose Texas because I believe, more than any other place in the world, that Texas will do right by its people and defend our liberties -even when others seek to diminish them. Please prove me right and show the rest of the world that they can always bet on Texas.

Gerald Dietz, Mr.
Self Construction Superintendent
Taylor, TX

People that follow gun control laws are not criminals are therefore not people that need to controlled. All the gun laws in the world will not affect what a criminal does. My wife and I are both LTC holders. It is my belief that it is an exercise that does not make a society safer. It keeps many older people that would carry afraid to go through the process as they are intimidated by the bureaucracy. It is also a tax. We shouldn't have to do either as self protection is an inalienable right afforded to us by our Creator and enumerated in the Bill of Rights.

David Estus
Self- Calibration technician
FARMERS BRANCH, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun

Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jamie Davenport
Self/truck driver
Smithville, TX

I believe that if I can legally own a handgun then I should be able to carry it on my person open or concealed without asking permission from the government. It is a right. I should not have to beg the government to exercise a right.

Joel Day
Self
Texas City, TX

Please pass constitutional carry for us to be able to exercise our God given right to protect our family. The 2nd amendment is there for this and to protect us from a tyrannical government. Thank you

Kimberly Kalich
Self
Magnolia, TX

Please allow constitutional carry. It is after all, our constitutional right!

William Woodward
Self
Schertz, TX

It is high time that Texas follows the US Constitution which has the 2nd Amendment in the Bill of Rights. The 2nd Amendment should be all that is needed to be able to carry any legally owned fire arm! Why is Texas (which should be out front leading the way on Constitutional Carry) behind the 8 ball on this issue?

Angela Smith
Self
Fredericksburg, TX

Thank you for your service. I am in FAVOR of HB1238. As a single woman, I am accutely aware that my safety rests on my shoulders. I am also aware of my vulnerability and being able to "carry" can make the difference between life and death. I am a law abiding citizen and because I travel extensively within the state, I believe that I need the protection that 'carrying' affords me. Texas is behind many other states in regards to freeing its law-abiding citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. Events of late serve only to remind me that my training and situational awareness may save my life some day. I expect Texas to step up and join many other states in passing this timely legislation.

Tim Shinogle
Self

ARLINGTON, TX

Honorable House Members,

I am in full support of constitutional carry in the the State of Texas. Two recent church shootings in this state were stopped and the perpetrator was stopped from harming others. In light of the U.S. Congress pushing for additional gun controls that will end up penalizing law-abiding citizens, yet not affecting the criminal element that continues to commit crimes with guns, it is critical that the state legislature approve constitutional carry. An individual is the first line of defense when confronted by a criminal and there may not be an opportunity for escape. I urge you to support and pass this legislation.

Camille Spivey

self

LUBBOCK, TX

I support this bill. Texans 18 or older must not be required to beg the state for permission to carry any firearm that they legally possess, and they should be allowed to be carried anywhere. Any law requiring gun owners to get permission to carry a legally possessed firearm is an unabashed infringement on the Second Amendment. Numerous states have already passed Constitutional Carry - Texas SHOULD have been FIRST. As a former Californian, I am no stranger to the perils of a despotic state government infringing on citizens' civil rights. Do not let Texas rot and go the way of the formerly Golden state.

Tyrannical government protections aside, an armed society is indeed a polite society. According to the CDC, defensive use of firearms by crime victims is a common occurrence, with annual defensive uses ranging from about 500,000 to over 3 million. Constitutional Carry will save lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Castleberry

Myself

Yantis, TX

Gun control will not prevent criminals from obtaining illegal firearms. The ability of Americans to protect ourselves is a constitutional right that should not be taken away. Protect Americans.

Johan McElroy

Self/Retired

La Porte, TX

I support HB1238 as it is the right of any law abiding citizen to carry a firearm per the 2nd Amendment and my nor any others rights shall not be infringed on. I ask that you honor our rights and pass this bill.

Cecille Blaisdell

self

McKinney, TX

Agrees with HB 1238. This bill should be passed quickly.

JAY AMUNDSON

Self

Eustace, TX

My wife Charlene Amundson and I are both in favor of HB 1238 by Biedermann. We believe that those who have a legal right to possess a firearm should be allowed to carry it whether or not it is open or concealed. We ask that all representatives support this Bill. We have many friends and neighbors who also support this Bill.

Thanks, Jay and Charlene Amundson

Michael Walker

NAGR

Longview, TX

We need Constitutional carry.

Jim Rogers

Premier Precision Mfg.

Odessa, TX

Give us the right to do what the Constitution says we already have!

JJ Carrillo

Self - Senior Quality Engineering Analyst

Arlington, TX

I support this bill because the policies of the current presidential administration cause a clear and present danger to all Texans and our society as a whole. The current immigration situation at our border allows for illegals who have not been vetted to enter our country unchecked, causing a crisis of epic proportions. We don't know if these people have criminal backgrounds or what their intentions are. As a Marine Corps Veteran, I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, from all enemies, foreign and domestic. I took this oath seriously, and my obligation did not terminate upon my separation from service.

I fully support our God given 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and the proposed legislation is in keeping with the spirit that our founding fathers intended. I pray that the day will never come, but should the need ever arise to defend myself, my family, my friends, and my fellow Texans, this proposed bill will allow myself and all law abiding citizens to do just that.

Kyle Sipes

Self

Troup, TX

Support

Robert Nelson, Texan

Self, Rancher

Loraine, TX

And Bill 2900

DANIEL SELF

SELF

Fredericksburg, TX

This constitutional right has been a long time coming for Texas

Nik Farooqui

Self- Business Owner

Midlothian, TX

I support this bill.

As a law abiding citizen who whole heartedly believes in the constitution and the rights of the people including the 2nd amendment along with the others, I believe that this bill is focuses on the average citizens right to be able to protect themselves. As a firearms and safety educator myself, I also believe that it is critical to not strip law abiding citizens from their abilities to provide for the safety of themselves, their loved ones, or others in need.

Anthony Benge

Self

Angleton, TX

I support constitutional carry in Texas it will help keep my family safe and people around a person carrying safer then they know. I think this bull needs to be passed so all lawful citizens can carry thank you

Rick Richuber

Self

Austin, TX

It's MY RIGHT to carry my side arm! I Austin, we are having, nearly every week, at least 1 or shootings. I and my wife do NOT feel safe in this city anymore, due to the left sided views and thoughts of Dems! All of this is because "they" are wanting to DISARM us as soon as possible!
I WILL NOT BE DISARMED!

Jared Hill

Self

Grapevine, TX

As a Texan I am fully behind the Constitutional carry law and we should already have this law in place as we are the number one state for gun rights in America

Danny Finch
Self - School Administrator
Borger, TX

Passage of HB 1238 communicates Texas' belief in and support of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the importance of the rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution.

Allison Straub
Self
Oak Point, TX

Please get constitutional carry passed

Timothy Amos
Self
Gladewater, TX

I would encourage all members to vote yes, and approve this bill

ginelle baker
self - self employed
ALVIN, TX

I support the right to carry a firearm.

Jeff Laughlin
self / retired
Deer Park, TX

CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY.... PASS IT !!!

Richard Hanson
Self
El Paso, TX

I support this bill. TX should lead the way on rights.

Sebastiaan Deckers
self, entrepreneur
Round Rock, TX

I urge this House to adopt HB 1238 as proposed. Texas will remain free only if Texans have the tools to defend their freedom. My wife and I moved to Texas from countries whose legislators banned firearms. Today our relatives and friends back there are defenceless against rapidly increasing tyranny by their own governments; facing restrictions on their movement, speech, privacy, and other infringements not seen since World War II. Any restriction, such as mandatory licensing, adds friction to the lawful possession of firearms by Texans, and thereby stands in the way of liberty.

Susanne Jasper

Self/Translator & Intercultural Trainer

Fort Worth, TX

I'm a Texan who believes that permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and vote "no" on this bill.

Daniel McIlroy

Self

AMARILLO, TX

I support this bill in its entirety.

Julian Corey

Self - Property Manager

Austin, TX

Are we against having a great equalizer in society? When some are frail, when some are afraid, and when some are outnumbered what can they do? Do they need a permit to establish that their life is worthy and should be preserved? Do they need the money and time to make that permit happen to keep their life? I am of the belief that those who lawfully can carry should also lawfully keep their lives. Those who are unlawful already choose to conceal carry to the detriment to the rest of us, so maybe it's time to give law abiding citizens a chance. And so it reads in the Bill of Rights: being necessary to the security of a free state, shall not be infringed.

Phillip Sinclair

75645

Gilmer, TX

Please support HB 1238 because I have a constitutional right to possess and carry a firearm without asking for consent from any governmental organization. We the people grant the government the duties to create and administer laws for our safety and protection, not to infringe on our God given rights.

David Pacheco

Texas Gun Rights

Denton, TX

I support this proposal and hope you will approve it.

Anthony Johns

Self

Cedar Park, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Cristian Banu

Sekf -Ramp agent

Cedar Creek, TX

I am FOR Constitutional Carry in Texas, and I fully support this bill.

Terrence Smith

Self

Keller, TX

Please strongly consider approving this bill. We need to be able to defend ourselves and Law officers can not be everywhere. WE are the first line of defense if absolutely needed.

Thank you.

Wes Sewell

Woodruff

Kerrville, TX

What I store is my business

Kerry Draper

Self

Quinlan, TX

I fully support this bill, and would like for you to support this bill also.

David Reitblatt

Self CPA

San Antonio, TX

Please vote in favor of Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900 as presented. It is important to pass constitutional carry while maintaining licensing as optional for reciprocity purposes. Criminals do not follow the law. The permit requirement simply disarms their victims. Based on evidence from other states, a permit requirement does not make people safer.

Thomas Miller

Self

Houston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Joseph Barrett, Mr

Self

Cypress, TX

100% in support!

Mayna Haggard

Self. Cattle Rancher

Poolville, TX

I am in support of House Bills 1238 and 2900. Texas should have led the way on this, not come lagging behind. Please support these bills

Carol P. and PARK

N/A

SPRING, TX

We support the 2nd const. amendment to the US Const.,

Michael Rocus, Mr.

Self/Retired Military

Honey Grove, TX

I support HB 1238. I believe it is intended by the framers of the U.S. Constitution in the 2nd Amendment.

Cameron Spooner

Self

Farmers Branch, TX

I am writing in support of this bill and constitutional carry.

Norman Wells

Self

Providence Village, TX

Let's finally get it done.

Joseph Barrett, Mr

Self

Cypress, TX

100% support !

Jack Paddie

consultant/self

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

ROBERTSON Logan, Mr

Silent Majority

Seagoville, TX

Please support to pass this.

Carrie DeBord

Self

Savannah, TX

No further comment at this time. Thank you.

Teresa Edwards, Ms.

Self/retired

Carthage, TX

We are still the greatest state in the Union, even if we aren't very proud of the Union at this point; however, our Constitution guarantees us the right to bear arms. Where in the Constitution does it say we have to have a license to exercise this fundamental freedom?

Russell Hamilton

self

Pflugerville, TX

I am in support of this proposed legislation. If it is legal for me to own a firearm, I should not be restricted as to how I carry it.

Robert Novak

Self

Odessa, TX

We need to pass this bill we have a god given right to carry legal without permission from the state or government as long as a person is legally allowed by law

James P Halloran

self / retired in Texas

Prosper, TX

This bill is needed in Texas (& all states) for life and property protection. needed now!!! Please pass this!! Thank you. Jim

Len Viator

Self / retired

Beaumont, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Donna C. Halloran

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Prosper, TX

This bill is needed in Texas (& all states) for life and property protection. needed now!!! Please pass this!! Thank you. Donna

Ed Cajal

self project scheduler

Missouri City, TX

support constitutional hand carry

Marcy Rangel

Self

El Paso, TX

Stan Lee told us that with great power comes great responsibility. The power bestowed upon you by your constituents is indeed great, and today I am asking you to use that power responsibly. It is a fact that states that previously passed permitless carry legislation have seen a significant increase in firearm violence. After 2003 when Alaska enacted permitless carry, the state has seen a rise in aggravated assaults with fire arms.

We must acknowledge that weapons provide a source of power. A rifle in the hands of a hunter wields power over a deer. A handgun in the hands of a husband protecting his family from an intruder holds power over an assailant. An AR 15 in the hands of

a terrorist holds power over frightened citizens in a supermarket.

In the past week alone, we've seen what havoc a weapon in the wrong hands can unleash on our society. As a resident of El Paso, I can testify to the the horrific impact a weapon can have on a community. Today, as a resident of Texas, I implore you, my lawmakers to protect us from irresponsible gun ownership and do not pass bills that could potentially massacre a large number of our citizens. Do not pass HB 1238. Do not pass HB 1911.

Do not pass 1927. Do not pass HB 2900.

Shawnarae Smith

Self

El Campo, TX

I am a law abiding disabled Texan with minimal income who can not afford to pay for a carry permit. I personally know of disabled and elderly individuals that can not afford a carry permit and have been robbed and attacked. These individuals own firearms but will not carry in public for fear of breaking the law. Thank God other individuals stepped in to protect them. Most people do not want to get involved so it is up to ones self for personal protection. A law abiding citizen should have the ability to self protection without costing money.

William Alberts

Self

Houston, TX

Please do all you can to pass this legislation.

William Bowles, Esquire

Self

Burleson, TX

I thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind, as we should in America and the greatest state in the union, As a new and a register gun owner I bought it for 1 reason .. for protection, I simply not protect myself with it, if I can't carry it, or need a permissions slip from the government to tell me what I can do or can't with my own possessions as a law abiding citizen. ALSO, I believe we have an extraordinary opportunity at present to set a great example for the rest of the country, given recent mass shootings, we here in Texas know (from experience) that a good guy with a gun can and almost ALWAYS will stop a bad guy with a gun. Please make this happen so we can be a shining example to the rest of the country.

RUPERT A TAYLOR

Self / Engineer

AUSTIN, TX

I support this bill.

Carolyn Hodges, Mrs

Self

Amarillo, TX

I fully support the Second Amendment. As an American citizen- born & raised in Texas - I believe in & support HB 1238.

Alejandro Labanzat

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Constitutional Carry is long overdue in Texas and throughout the United States. No other constitutional right faces so many restrictions by legislators. Texas need to pass constitutional carry and begin and fully restore our constitutional right to keep and bear arms!

James Dobbins

Myself

San Leon, TX

I want to encourage you to support this bill all the way. I strongly support this bill. I was a police officer for 33 years and a Chief of Police. I feel that all Texans will benefit from this bill from a safety aspect.

Vicki King

Self

Gonzales, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Bryant

Self, Retired

Columbus, TX

Please actively support this bill

annette bennett, Ms

FBG tea party, repub chair

Fredericksburg, TX

I am in favor of this bill because the legal age to carry should be reduced from 21 to 18. If they are old enough to serve our country, they are old enough to carry. Also all lawful gun owners should be allowed to carry.

Ian Mendoza-Soto

Veterans Collective

HUTTO, TX

I support Constitutional Carry. It is our Right to carry a firearm without a permit.

Eric Hall
Self Physician Assistant
Lake Jackson, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Noel Giesecke, M.D.
self/physician
Houston, TX

I am in support of this bill.

John Hodges, Mr
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am a supporter of the Second Amendment and support Constitutional Carry!

Joe Suarez
Self
Porter, TX

I will not give up my rights provided to the American people as written in the U.S Constitution and even more specifically the Second Amendment. I feel that I and my family will be subject to harm or even death, if the government will cause more hardship if further gun laws are implemented. I that the government cannot not promise that I or my family will not be harmed or killed if I cannot protect myself and written in the Constitution.

Larry Melvin
Self
Paris, TX

This common sense bill should be passed for the benefit of law abiding gun owners in the state of Texas.

Hayley Fontaine
Self- mother, wife, citizen
Plano, TX

There must be strict background and licensing processes in place to allow someone to carry or own a firearm. Assault rifles

should not be allowed in the the hands of civilians

George Kirkendall
Texas Gun Rights
Houston, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill.Thank you.

Kathleen Beu
Retired
Spring Branch, TX

Please approve and pass to the floor for a full vote.

Johnny Griffith
Self
Amarillo, TX
Support

DUAINE GOULDING, MR.
Self
RIO VISTA, TX

The state of Texas abrogates my second amendment right by requiring an LTC to carry a weapon for self-defense. I want my 2nd amendment rights restored by passing constitutional carry.

Evan Watkins
self, home maker, retired
New Braunfels, TX

I support this effort and remind our legislators that we do NOT live in a perfect world - people of all kinds fall victim to serious crimes every day. In TX and many other states, we have a system whereby a law abiding citizen can apply for a permit to carry a handgun for protection. That's nice, but should NOT be necessary. That system creates unnecessary delay for people that may be in danger NOW. It also creates a segregation whereby those with less time and money can gain the same protection as others with more assets. Defense of life and the ability to protect yourself and your family MUST NOT be limited to those with extra money. In CA it cost me nearly \$600 and 11 months to get a concealed permit. In TX it cost nearly \$200 and only took a couple months. In America the 2nd Amendment gives EVERYONE the right to bear arms; however, many states put restrictions and high costs to this right - why? Ideally, everyone that wants to carry a gun or knife in self defense will get training, but that's their responsibility not the government's to manage or define. The best thing to do would be to increase awareness of the risks, which all gun dealers already do. We would all benefit by increased awareness of legal options and safety around firearms. Furthermore, I support TX deeply ingraining the right to bear arms for all Texans in law and our constitution to prevent socialist leaning politicians from removing our 2nd Amendment rights as Americans. The 2nd Amendment exists to allow for the protection of our other rights and to contest the tyranny of a corrupt or ruined government.

Matthew Engelken

Self

Houston, TX

I support the passage of this bill!

David Brown

Brown

Leander, TX

As a licensed carrier I feel it is a lawful right to carry and protect myself and family. Also as a past law enforcement officer fill it is also in my power to help and protect others in the time of need. So do not hamstring the public for wild politics.

Kyle Levy

self IT Professional

Wolfforth, TX

I support this bill, believing in the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights as a guaranteed God-given right, being necessary for the establishment and maintenance of liberty. I encourage the passage of such legislation, as I fear an over-reach of federal authority and see the State of Texas as a bastion for freedom.

Jeffrey Thompson

Self

Cleveland, TX

I am a Texan and I want my right to carry my weapons. That right should have never been taken away to begin with.

Dina Donaldson

Self

Huntington, TX

We earned the right for constitutional carry

Henry Winans, Mr.

Self, Retired

Fort Worth, TX

I support "Constitutional Carry" by those that are not otherwise prohibited. Age 18 should be the minimum age limit for carry.

PHILIP LORENZ

Yes

Richardson, TX

I am for the open carrying of firearms as provided by this bill.

Anthony Torres

Self Retired Chemical Engineer

Borger, TX

Constitutional Carry is proscribed by the 2nd Amendment. Any attempt to limit this is unconstitutional. Please don't turn Texas into California or New York.

Keith Wiggans

Self

Austin, TX

The most important weapon against tyranny is a well armed population. The right to defend oneself against any form of aggression is the original right from which all others are born.

Jeffrey Lanham

Self Programmer/Network Administrator

Live Oak, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Alexander Burditt

Self

Pleasanton, TX

I support this bill because I feel that I am safer with this bill. It is my legal right to possess a firearm. I feel that I should be able to defend myself and family at any time necessary within my rights, against a person trying to cause harm to me or my family.

Bruce Wiswell

self, Retired Federal Engineer

McKinney, TX

Support this bill. If one can legally buy or possess a firearm, he should not need a government permission slip to publicly carry it.

HAROLD WILKINS, owner

Premier Heading & Consulting

haslet, TX

I believe it is our right to bear arms, not just for hunting but for our our protection and the protection of our families. History has proven, no matter how well prepared the police and other government agencies may be, they cannot be everywhere all the time. It is long past due that we protect the good, law abiding people. I also believe our 2nd amendment was written to protect us from our own government and that same government does not have the right to take it away.

William William henley

Self/Carpenter

Clute, TX

Anyone legally allowed to own a gun should be able to carry it anywhere they please open or concealed on public property, this should include government buildings as the government should work for the people not the people for the government.

Ric Littell

N/A

Dayton, TX

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms "shall not be infringed." The Second Amendment was part of the Bill of Rights that was added to the Constitution on December 15, 1791. This amendment protects the rights of citizens to "bear arms" or own weapons such as guns. Having just used guns and other arms to ward off the English, the amendment was originally created to give citizens the opportunity to fight back against a tyrannical federal government. Final note: Concern that a national standing army might pose a threat to the security of the separate states led to the adoption of that amendment, which provides that "a well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Emma Sendejar

Self

Houston, TX

I support HB1248 to Protect myself against anyone trying to arm myself or family members.

Patrick Baldwin

Self

Sealy, TX

I feel if more good people are carrying a firearm, violent crimes would less likely happen. If criminals know that more people are carrying a firearm I don't think they would test their luck. This could save the life of children and adults every day.

Larry Gilmartin

Retired

CYPRESS, TX

Texas is behind the times across our country related to constitutional carry.

As the democratic administration releases a flood of illegal aliens possibly posing a violent threat to society the need for weapons access-is greatly increased.

The onerous and expensive permitting system is little more than a popularity contest and fee grab.

Jose Aldape

Self

San Antonio, TX

It is time for Texas to join the other states in upholding the peoples rights to self defense. My fathers fought for this right and it is time for Texas to once again honor our God given right. God Bless the great state of Texas.

Charles Stigall

Self

Sealy, TX

I want to add my support to this bill and say that I am in favor of permitless carry in Texas, afterall, it is our God given right for self defense and our Second Amendment that permits the lawful citizen the right to be armed without the approval of a governmental entity.

Cynthia King-Ryne

Self

Plano, TX

I am supposed to somehow assess - in the moment - the difference between a man carrying an AR-15 over his shoulder in a checkout line & the "man" in Boulder to determine if they're about to go on a shooting spree? Both carrying rifles in Open Carry States? NOT IN MY STATE! I strongly OPPOSE

Clark Edwards, Mr

Self, small businesses owner

Odessa, TX

This bill shouldn't even be necessary. We are, by the grace of being born alive in America, free to keep and bear arms for the purposes of defending our lives, our Liberty and those of the rest of the American People.

Bernice Messina-Gates, Mrs

self/retired

Fate, TX

I support HB 1238 and ask you to vote in favor of this. Vermont is consistently one of the safest states in our union. Vermont has never required a license to carry. Maine , Vermont, New Hampshire and Idaho were four of the five safest states in 2019. All four guarantee their citizens their constitutional right to defend themselves. It's unacceptable Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their second amendment rights. Please pass this now before Texans lose this God given right.

Thank you

Greg Goodrich

self - Small Business owner

Southlake, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

ARLIE BEEVERS

Self

ARLINGTON, TX

2nd addminmant rights

William Sollenberger

n/a

Cleburne, TX

I support these two bills (1238 and 2900)in furthering the cause for constitutional carry. My vote will depend on it's outcome.

Rick Rinehart

SELF, RETIRED

PFLUGERVILLE, TX

I support this bill. As a Texan, if I own a gun I should be free to carry it ! Not allowing me to carry my gun insinuates mistrust on the State's part. Mistrust even though I completed a Federal background check to purchase my firearm in the first place.

Robin Grimes

self

SPRING, TX

PASS Constitutional carry please. Restriction of of firearms just create more victims.

Robert Hickok

Self Software Engineer

Austin, TX

I believe this is foundational to our second amendment and would like to see this in texas

Matthew Taylor

Self

Coppell, TX

Yay

Jeff Howard, Director, Temple Gun Club

Temple Gun Club

Belton, TX

The 750 members of the Temple Gun Club fully support HB 1238.

No other pre political, natural and protected Individual Rights in the Bill of Rights requires fees, permits, training, a licence or worst of all, Government permission to exercise.

Our government does not have rights. Our government has limited powers carefully and specifically granted through the Constitution for the sole purpose of preserving and protecting all of the rights of the individual. What can the government constitutionally presume about me if I want to to own a firearm? Whose burden is it to show that I should or should not be able to possess a firearm?

This is why the whole Constitution matters and it matters in relation to the Declaration. Because your and my rights are pre-political. The government bears the burden of proving why I am an unfit gun owner, or an unfit parent, or have committed a criminal act, or any other accusation bearing legal consequences when my rights are at stake.

The government must presume that I am a fully fit citizen, meaning in legal terms that none of my rights can legally or properly be infringed upon unless and until the government shows proof by a legal standard that I have acted in some way contrary to the law and the sanction for my actions can result in the government denying certain rights, such as taking away liberty through imprisonment. The government cannot presume that I am going to act in an illegal manner just because my neighbor, my relative, criminal or mentally ill individual commits a crime.

Liberty means the government does not have authority to punish me before I have chosen to act contrary to law. The government does have legitimate authority to criminalize some conduct, but must prove that I have committed that criminal act before it may punish me.

We urge the Texas Legislature to act in accordance with the US Constitution, and fulfill its primary function of Government, to protect the Individual Rights protected by the US Constitution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Darrell Williams

Self/ Retired

Colmesneil, TX

I support this Bill HB 1238 and Mr. Biedermann as my representative.

Charles Kirkman

Self ...Air Ttraffic Controller

Pearland, TX

I fully support Constitutional Carry and believe it to be in the best interest of all Texas citizens (and US citizens for that matter!), since our founding fathers saw fit to include it in our Constitution. They, and I, believed it to be an inherent right from our Creator, not a privilege from the gov't.

Timothy Kelley

self

DEER PARK, TX

As a life-long Texan, I am in total support of HB 1238, Constitutional Carry, for the residents of the State of Texas. I encourage you to pass this bill out of committee and support it on the House floor. This bill is long overdue and needs to be on the Governor's desk and signed into law. Thank you in advance for your support. God bless you and God bless Texas!

Eduardo de Leon, Mr

Texas Gun Rights

Mesquite, TX

I support this bill as a law abiding citizen carrying or transporting registered firearm should not be prohibited and further more my right as a US citizen the right to bear arms 2nd Amendment

Baron Maree

Self

Palestine, TX

Constitutional Carry is a must for all law biding Texans. The fact that any law biding citizen especially in Texas has to have the state government agree to pass their right is criminal!!!! Texans must protect their families, property and themselves from the criminal elements that the government has created. Nobody will be there to help us Texans ,but us when the criminal strikes..

Dannie Boatright

Retired

Dawson, TX

My right that I swore to when I went into the military and evertime I re inlisted.

Frank Pomeroy

myself as a concerned citizen

Seguin, TX

I believe that any permit required is not constitutional. However I will support this bill because I do believe if an individual is old enough to don a uniform and join our great military to defend our freedoms then they are plenty old enough to be able to learn and manage a firearm. I would ask you today to please vote yes on this bill to help protect our inalienable right to defend ourselves in Texas.

Lawrence G Pariseau

Self

Mission, TX

I stand behind this bill as a safety matter for my self and others. The police do a great job, but can not be in two places at once. The need for access to my firearms if needed should be easy and not cumbersome. It could be the matter of life or death. Please

see clear to support this bill.

Cynthia Kelley

Self

Deer Park, TX

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Zane Gober Gober

Self

Arlington, TX

legal licensed open carry

Mark Seaman

Self

Mineral Wells, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

William Haas

Self

Blanco, TX

Just remember Amendment 1 and. Amendment 2 of our Constitution

Michael Drury

self

Decatur, TX

Dear Committee,

I support the movement to make Texas the 17th Constitutional Carry state. If signed into law, Constitutional Carry would allow law-abiding citizens to protect themselves by carrying a handgun without first getting a government permission slip. This is the way it is done in Kansas, Maine, Wyoming, Alaska, Vermont, North Dakota, Arizona, West Virginia, Mississippi, Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky and South Dakota. Makes you wonder why Texas is not first on the list of states...Texas should lead the way!

The current permitting process amounts to a tax on our right to self-defense. By removing this burden, hundreds of thousands of law-abiding Texans would be able to defend themselves and their families without having to beg for permission from the government.

I respectfully urge you to support Constitutional Carry Bill (House Bill 1238).

Texans are keeping track of who supports this bill and depending on you to hear us and support our constitutional rights!

Respectfully,

Mike Drury
817-239-7036
Mdrury1270@protonmail.com

Michael R. Weaver
self - retired
The Woodlands, TX

Re: Opposed to HB1238.

As a handgun owner and supporter of common sense safety restrictions, I am opposed to HB 1238.

I support current Texas law requiring a person to obtain a criminal background check and complete firearms safety training, including live-fire training, in order to obtain a license to carry a handgun (LTC), concealed or openly.

Thank you for recording and distributing my comments to the respective House committee.

Sincerely,
Michael R. Weaver

Ron Wicks
Texas Citizen
Burleson, TX

As my representatives on the committee, I urge each of you to SUPPORT the passage of this bill!

Robin Breed
MDA
Georgetowm, TX

Allowing any person regardless of background and training to carry a gun without a permit is irresponsible. With the rise of mass shootings and dangerous armed militias we need to be putting in more protection for the general public not less! Permitless carry will not make anyone safer. When I'm out in public and see someone carrying a gun at least I have some comfort knowing they had to go through a background check and training. Stop the madness. Stop this dumb bill.

Mark Jackson, Mr.
Self,Retired AT&T Technician
Pottsboro, TX

It's our constitutional right!!!

David Flores

Myself

Buda, TX

I believe it is our constitutional right to carry as stated in the constitution. We should not be require to pay for that right to carry. I believe open carry would deter criminals if more law-abiding individuals open carried.

James Gootee

Self

Springtown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238 with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of

Stephen Bruner

Self

Houston, TX

I support constitutional carry for the great state of Texas

James Gootee

Self

Springtown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238 with no compromising amendments or delays!

Michael Knox

self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill as it will help decrease shootings such as the recent Colorado one. In that it will deter such individuals from committing these crimes if they do not know who is armed on the premises.

George Shelton

Retired

Arlington, TX

This should be law of the land

Mark Jackson, Mr.
Self, Retired AT&T Technician
Pottsboro, TX

It is our constitutional right

Randell Benoit
Self/ Retired
Dripping Springs, TX

It is an individual's 2nd Amendment right to carry a firearm if that individual is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law. The 2nd amendment of the US Constitution clearly states it is the right of an American citizen to bear arms and that right should not be infringed upon.

George Vaughn
CPA / MBA (self)
Houston, TX

I am in favor of "Constitutional Carry" without a registration requirement or fee for anyone who would not otherwise be prohibited from ownership or possession of any firearm.

Christopher Crawford
Self
Little Elm, TX

Every Texan should have the right to defend him/herself. Not just people who can financially afford it.

Fred Franks
Self
HOUSTON, TX

Bill needs to be passed

Cal Dean
Self- business owner/engineer
Richmond, TX

I am in strong support of HB 1238 & constitutional carry. Requiring a license to exercise a constitutional right is wrong. The cost & time required harms persons with low income, those who live in rural areas where classes are not conveniently near by & those who suddenly become threatened by violence. In states where constitutional carry is passed crime goes down. I urge you to pass this bill

Michelle Lane

Self

Spring, TX

Do not mess with our Constitutional rights

David Kovar

Cnc programmer

Giddings, TX

I support this bill.

It is my constructional Right to carry my firearm and criminals think twice if there's a chance that the person is carrying so crime will go down

William Fitch

Self - Retired

Kerrville, TX

The right to free speech does not require a license, so why does the right to keep and bear arms. I request that this bill be passed and for those who support the constitution, it should be passed unanimously.
thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for protecting our rights.

Jack Mimms

Self

McKinney, TX

Both bills for OK to hand carry are necessary and need approval!

Mary Harris

TML Helath

Wylie, TX

To carry a loaded handgun in public in Texas, you must currently pass a criminal background check and complete a firearms safety training course, including live-fire training. IT SHOULD STAY THAT WAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Paul Howell, Mr

Self/ pharmacist

Belton, TX

I wish to express my full support of bill 1238.

No other pre political, natural and protected Individual Rights in the Bill of Rights requires fees, training, permits, license and

worst of all, Government permission to exercise.

The Second Amendment must be read in context of the entire law and the acknowledgement in the Declaration of Independence that our rights are pre-political, that our rights predate the Constitution and are therefore not granted by government as mere privileges bestowed upon worthy individuals who satisfy some kind of government standard.

Our government does not have rights. Our government has limited powers carefully and specifically granted through the Constitution for the sole purpose of preserving and protecting all of the rights of the individual. What can the government constitutionally presume about me if I want to own a firearm? Whose burden is it to show that I should or should not be able to possess a firearm?

This is why the whole Constitution matters and it matters in relation to the Declaration. Because your and my rights are pre-political. The government bears the burden of proving why I am an unfit gun owner, or an unfit parent, or have committed a criminal act, or any other accusation bearing legal consequences when my rights are at stake.

The government must presume that I am a fully fit citizen, meaning in legal terms that none of my rights can legally or properly be infringed upon unless and until the government shows proof by a legal standard that I have acted in some way contrary to the law and the sanction for my actions can result in the government denying certain rights, such as taking away liberty through imprisonment. The government cannot presume that I am going to act in an illegal manner just because my neighbor, my relative, a criminal or mentally ill individual has committed a crime.

Liberty means the government does not have authority to punish me before I have chosen to act contrary to law. The government does have legitimate authority to criminalize some conduct, but must prove that I have committed that criminal act before it may punish me.

This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we.

We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.'

DAVID HANSON

Daves Computer Care

BACLIFF, TX

i fully support open carry and so should you!

Edwin Matlock

Self, Retired CPA

Missouri City, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

William Willert

Self-Retired

Bellaire, TX

Please Support HB 1238 and HB 2900

Christopher Newby

self

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote for true constitutional carry for the state of Texas. All Texan's who can legally posses and use a firearm should be able to carry it, concealed or openly, without needing special permission, for protection of life.

Justin Walker

Self contractor

Sulphur Springs, TX

Do it!

Chris McPhail

self

Fort Worth, TX

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." - Thomas Jefferson

Gabriela Ahlheim, Mrs

self

Azle, TX

Statistics have proven time and time again that law abiding citizens take gun ownership seriously. Gun owners pride themselves in being responsible gun owners. Criminals on the other hand will stop at nothing to commit crimes and carry on with violence. So many active shooter tragedies have been stopped by responsible gun owners. We are living in a time when good is evil and evil is good. Therefore it is time for our 2nd amendment rights to be protected and strengthened even more so. I support this bill and strongly request this to be law once and for all. Make Texas Great Again!

Thomas Wilcox

Self

Brownwood, TX

It is time for Texas to pass constitutional carry.

Gordon Piermatti

self

Brookshire, TX

Constitutional carry is a right we need to keep

Steven Nail

self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Bert Mullins

Bert Mullins

Greenville, TX

I support this bill. Every law abiding citizen of our state should have the legal right to carry a firearm without an approval process and the payment of a fee to the State.

Jacquelyn Becker, Ms.

self

McCoy, TX

The Constitution of the United States states clearly the right to gun ownership. In my mind there is no reason to consider overriding the Constitution. You disarm me then you are putting me in danger.

Julie Thurburn

self, Personal Style & Branding Expert

Frisco, TX

Please back our constitutional right to carry firearms by passing this bill. We should be able to continue to protect our children, aging family members, and property from those who intend harm. Our ability to keep our homes and communities safe is directly related to our loved ones ability to focus on creating a fulfilling life that benefits our society as a whole. Thank you for voting for this bill.

Clifford Hibbits

American

Farmersville, TX

This bill should have been done a long time ago it's called the second amendment

Patrick Bickel

Self

Copperas Cove, TX

I strongly support this Bill!

Julianne Adams

self

Kerrville, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL! A person who can lawfully purchase a firearm should not need additional permissions and payments for licenses to carry it. Texas needs to join other states in passing Constitutional Carry and we will have a safer state. Constitutional Carry does not imply that firearms owners throw responsibility to the winds as there are more firearms safety and training courses than ever. No increase in firearms accidents has occurred in states who have passed constitutional carry laws.

Sherry Phipps

self / retired

Chireno, TX

I am in complete support of HB1238 and hope you will vote yes to support it.

Amy Gunkler

Self, Account Manager

Austin, TX

To anyone who believes guns are dangerous:

You're right. Most responsible gun owners believe the same. This danger is exactly why we want to arm ourselves. If guns exist, people with bad intentions will find a way to have them. They won't let any law stop them. It should be straightforward for law-abiding people to do the same, to protect themselves from those who will have guns regardless of the law. We need to eliminate laws that make it difficult for innocent people to arm themselves, and Constitutional Carry is one big step in that direction.

Amy Gunkler

Thomas Prado

Self

Temple, TX

I support this

Everett Barnhill

Self

Sherman, TX

Turn of a firearm for personal protection and protections of those that one loves is a constitutional right and should not be infringed by overreaching government.

Dewayne Stewart

Self

Deberry, TX

My rights are my rights the 2nd shall not be infringed

HOWARD SEGAL

Self

BROOKSHIRE, TX

There should be no regulations regarding The Second Amendment. Constitutional Carry should be the law in Texas.

Tom Hall

Texas Gun Rights

Mesquite, TX

The Second Amendment does not provide for any licensing or governmental oversight for a citizen to possess or carry a firearm.

Jack Ivy

N/A

Mansfield, TX

Constitutional carry is long overdue in Texas

JOe Brewster

self

Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill for open carry

Olga Sepeda

Self

McGregor, TX

I support this bill because I am for constitutional carry. I believe that we all have the right to bear arms and to be able to defend ourselves in the face of danger.

David Nyhuis

Self

Baytown, TX

I want to fully support this bill as a Texan and as a Honorably discharged veteran. I believe we should be able to carry our firearm

if we are allowed to purchase them. I feel being able to protect my loved ones, friends and support our law enforcement is our duty. The events of this week lead me to strongly support Constitutional carry. Texas should have led the country in this not lagged behind.

David Y. Rogers

Self

Midland, TX

I am writing to support the passage of HB 1238 and HB 2900 the "Constitutional Carry" bills. Citizens of Texas and the U. S. as a whole are having their 2nd Amendment rights under the U. S. Constitution assaulted at this time by the current executive branch and the U. S. Congress. Passage of these two bills in the Texas Legislature would go a long way in insuring Texans rights against the Federal infringements that are being proposed and have recently passed in the U. S. House of Representatives. Please pass these H. B. 1238 and H. B. 2900 and protect our rights.

Lawrence Spahni

Concerned citizens

Hockley, TX

I believe in the constitutional right to carry a firearm for self defense and the protection of others, and that the government should honor the 2nd amendment of the constitution of the United states, and because the 2nd protects the 1st. Please pass this bill and don't let them take our freedom away...

Travis Hudgins

Self

Plano, TX

March 24, 2021

Travis H

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Plano, Texas 75075

Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee (hereinafter The Committee or Committee)

Re: House Bill 1238 (Representative Kyle Biedermann's Constitutional Carry Bill)

To The Committee,

For the Record: I, Travis H, having never Knowingly, Voluntarily, and with Conscious Intentional Acts, ever waived any of My Absolute Natural Rights, being an Individual (Texan) in support of House Bill 1238, hereby State the following:

The primary function (mandate) of Government is to Protect the Absolute Natural Rights of the People (Texans). Each one of You on the Committee have taken a solemn Oath to Protect the Rights of the People (Texans). Please Honor Your (the Committee) Oaths of Office.

The current 'permit' process equates to a tax and/or infringement on the exercising of Law-Abiding Texans Right of Self-Defense and/or Right to Keep and Bear (open and/or concealed) Arms. By removing this burden (tax/permit/infringement), I, along with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Law-Abiding Texans would be able to more freely Exercise their Right of Self-Defense

and/or Right to Keep and Bear Arms, to defend themselves, their families, and other Texans, therefore making Texas a safer and more Secure State!.

It is my understanding that Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming are Constitutional (Permitless) Carry States.

If House Bill 1238 were passed and signed into Law, it would finally allow Law-Abiding Texans to more freely exercise their Right of Self-Defense and/or Right to Keep and Bear Arms, by carrying a handgun (open and/or concealed) without first having to obtain a government 'permit' (tax/permit/infringement) and make Texas the 17th Constitutional (Permitless) Carry State.

I Respectfully Direct You (the Committee) to Vote in favor of House Bill 1238 (Representative Kyle Biedermann's Constitutional Carry Bill).

P.S. Gun Owner's of America (Texas Chapter) will help to keep me informed of your actions regarding this matter.

Sincerely, All Rights Reserved and Claimed, by: Travis H

Bryce Duncan

Self self employed.

Richland hills, TX

Every good adult citizen should be aloud to carry a weapon "firearm if they choose. Too defend them selfs if ever had too. More good guys with guns will stop all thees cowards from shooting up supermarkets. Let's her our freedom back!

DONNA WARNER

Texas Gun Rights self retired

EL PASO, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Wayne Tollefsen

Self

Nederland, TX

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Mary Cashion-Smith

TNM. OFFICE MANAGER/Bookkeeping

Waco, TX

Our 2nd Amendment Rights are one of our most sacred inalienable rights , (a right that can't be restrained or repealed by human laws." Sometimes called natural rights, inalienable rights "flow from our nature as free people.")

Our constitution was written by those who came before us in order for our freedoms to never be infringed upon.

These House Bills being presented & discussed today are paramount to our freedom and our rights for self protection and self

preservation.

NO ONE has the right to take these rights from any person who so chooses to possess & carry firearms.

David Morgan

Self - retired

Bedford, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jack Mayfield

Poco Reata Properties/Twin Peaks Self Storage

Alpine, TX

Pass this bill.

Ed Brandstetter

Myself - Rancher / Landlord

Greenville, TX

I support this bill. Thank you for moving forward with allowing law abiding citizens to carry without impedance from any government entity. It has been shown that having more armed citizens has a very positive effect on lowering crime. It is especially important for women to arm themselves. This makes it easier for them to do so.

Thank You.

Renee Sanwald

Self, Mental health therapist

Houston, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the second amendment AND sensible gun safety measures. Please do not make it any easier than it already is for gun violence to occur. Please keep our children and our families safe and vote "no" on permitless carry.

Dennis Herbert

Self

Salado, TX

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possess a firearm?

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The government must presume that I am a fully fit citizen, meaning in legal terms that none of my rights can legally or properly be infringed upon unless and until the government shows proof by a legal standard that I have acted in some way contrary to the law and the sanction for my actions can result in the government denying certain rights, such as taking away liberty through imprisonment. The government cannot presume that I am going to act in an illegal manner just because my neighbor, my relative, a criminal or mentally ill individual has committed a crime.

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This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we.

I strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank You.

Benton Zwart, DR

Self. Physician.

New Braunfels, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! As in the 'old days' - an armed populace is a POLITE populace. Despite 'Tombstone', there were only 5 homicides per year in Dodge City in those days. As a physician and an epidemiologist with an MPH from Harvard - I am well aware that while figures don't lie, liars can figure (distort the facts to support their views). While I already do have a TX CCW license, I believe TRUE Constitutional Carry is necessary in Texas to prevent Biden from subverting our God-given rights to self-protection. Remember the Battle of Gonzales? Come and Take It.

Tim Wood

Self/ Member of Temple Gun Club

Harker Heights, TX

I fully support the Second and believe that if it's lawful own and use then you should be able to carry it. It's wrong to deny a citizen the ability to defend themselves, if necessary.

Gaye Rousseau

Self

San Antonio, TX

Support bill #1238 and 3900, keep Texas Texas

Brian Scott

self

McGregor, TX

I support this bill because I am for constitutional carry. I believe that we all have the right to bear arms and to be able to defend ourselves in the face of danger.

Tammara Moore

Self

Houston, TX

Please support this bill

Michael Brune

Self

Gunter, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Charla Corridan

Myself

Coppell, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238 , with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

James Williams, Mr.

Self

Waco, TX

Please represent my constitutional "rights", not a privilege granted by governmental authority, to legally purchase, possess and carry a personal firearm. I feel that our government is trying to take our rights away as a means to establish a total control on otherwise lawabiding citizens based on criminal activity. This only punishes lawabiding citizen and grants criminals more freedom to exercise their criminal activity without restraint. Punish the criminal, not the lawabiding public by taking away or otherwise restricting the lawabiding citizen's rights because of what the criminal has done. Citizens should be free to protect themselves and their families, loved ones, friends and property. An honest citizen will be lawabiding, a criminal will not obey the law no matter how many laws are passed regarding any situation or thing!!! Please do not destroy our rights by your actions in Congress. Uphold the lawabiding citizen's right to legally own and carry their firearm to protect themselves without having fees or licenses in order to do so. Once standing criteria to legally purchase any firearm is met, this should be all that is necessary to legally carry that firearm, period!!! I urge congress to uphold our constitutional right to own and carry firearms and support our 2nd Amendment!!!

Thank you in advance for your support in this extremely important legislation,

James Williams

LEONARD EVANS

SELF/RETIRED

Temple, TX

SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AS IT WAS INTENDED TO BE INTERPRETED.

Tony Richard

self

Katy, TX

Please consider passing

William Bohan, Rev.

self retired

Haltom City, TX

I am in favor of Constitutional Carry laws. The second amendment affirms an inalienable right to keep and bear arms as a means of self defense.

Boulder, Colorado has very strict gun laws but they did not prevent a serious tragedy. We do not need more laws restricting the lawful possession and carry of firearms. They do not prevent crime; they only inconvenience legal gun owners and give prosecutors more charges to file against criminals after they have broken more serious crimes, such as homicide.

I believe that if more people in Boulder practiced legally carrying firearms then the death toll could have been much lower.

Steven Kroll

Self

Richardson, TX

I support this proposed legislation. Texas should revise its laws to keep pace with the other 18 states that have passed similar legislation allowing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from firearm possession. Enacting this law would also signal federal law makers that our 2nd Amendment rights shall not be infringed.

Gregory Steiner

self

Allen, TX

I support this bill because: other states (e.g. Vermont) with low crime do not require licenses for carrying in these circumstances, e.g. parking lots; and it is necessary to legislate against the continuous incremental agenda seeking to chip away at gun rights to the point of being gun rights in name only.

Joe Lisle

NRA

Stinnett, TX

Pleaslook at and pass this bill

Patty Enriquez

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for True Constitutional carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Thomas Hansen, Mr.

Self Retired

Burnet, TX

I have been a law abiding citizen of Texas for 77 years and would like to exercise my God Given right to carry a fire arm in full compliance with the law. I highly support the right of law abiding citizens to carry and lawfully abide by the laws of Texas.

Lyndell Cooper

Myself

Nome, TX

Please pass this bill, I feel as if our 2nd amendment has been heavily infringed already. I believe this bill is one step in the right direction.

george stout

+19036673837

DeKalb, TX

I support this bill

Edward Goodfellow

Self

Plano, TX

Although I have earned an LTC and am a veteran of the U.S. Army, I do not feel the need to carry at all times. I do, though, feel that the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees Americans the right "to keep and bear arms". Contrary to the ramblings of the Uber Liberals, there are millions of responsible Americans who have never shot anyone - and neither have their "Dangerous Firearms". As long as responsible people pass the required firearms education and related range qualifications, there should be no reason to revoke the right guaranteed by the Constitution.

Rather than criminalizing the majority of Americans, doesn't it make more sense to concentrate on the mental illness situation? Recent events clearly show the gunmen in the news had other issues.

Andrew Franklin

Self. Nuclear Professional.

Bay City, TX

Please pass this bill unaltered.

Why punish law abiding citizens for the actions of a fraction of a percentage?

Texans have wanted this legislation passed for YEARS!

Thank you.

Kelvin Wright

Self-Retired

San Antonio, TX

I don't feel that we need a law giving us permission from the government to carry a firearm since the Constitution gave us permission and right to bear arms. I'm also very concerned and alarmed of the two new House Bills H.R.30,121,125,127,130 & 167 the US Congress is trying to push through to illegally take our guns away from honest law-abiding citizens.

arthur thigpin

Self-Retired

springtown, TX

I support this bill. 36 other states have Constitutional Carry with little to no problems. There have been no problems here with LTC holders. so much for " blood in the streets" . it didn't happen . Let's get this done .

Douglas Barmore

self - data analyst

Katy, TX

I support this bill.

Licensing requirements are a horrible burden to someone needing to defend themselves or their family! We should not be required to beg the state for permission to exercise our God-given Rights!

I support keeping the licensing for reciprocity and to avoid background checks when purchasing guns, but they should not be a requirement for carrying a gun I otherwise lawfully own!

Also, I already have "constitution carry" for my rifles and shotguns. Make handguns the same!

Frank Pope, Mr.

Myself

DeSoto, TX

I fully support this bill.

Frank L. Pope

Retired Texas Peace Officer

Colleen Fulkerson

'self' 'retired'

Brazoria, TX

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Patrick Connally, Major US Marine Corps Ret.

Self- Supervisor State of Texas

Austin, TX

2nd Amendment Shall not be infringed.

Buddy Garcia

Self

Floydada, TX

We need to lead the country in firearm laws an here is a great example to start with to lead to show the country that great people great American can an will carry our firearms for protection game ect

Noel De La Garza

Self

Rio Grande City, TX

Unfortunately I can't make it to testify in person as it's a long days drive. But as a Texan, I am deeply sadden that we don't have constitutional carry. That I have to pay to exercise my right to carry my lawfully acquired firearm. Every year we get the same speeches from out elected representatives about how they're fighting for our rights. Yet here we have a right that WE THE PEOPLE have been demanding for, for the last few years and years before OUR "representatives" have either not bothered with the bills, or just plainly don't listen to us. I am asking you to pass this bill.

Thank you, Noel

John McMath, Mr.

Self

Allen, TX

I support passage of this legislation

Leonard Perkins

Self. Retired

Whitney, TX

Please pass HB 1238 and HB 2900

Richard Davis
Self truck driver
Midway, TX

I believe all Texans have the right to carry according to the constitution

Ronny Ligon
Myself
Georgetown, TX

I do support Constitutional carry

Jill Graves, Ms.
Self
Pflugerville, TX

No just person should have to ask the permission of the government that he or she has chosen to represent him or her to be allowed to provide for their own protection.

William Burns
self, consultant
Carrollton, TX

None

Charles Caldwell
Charles Caldwell
Gilmer, TX

Needs to pass

Richard Wallace
Self/Retired
College Station, TX

Please vote for true Constitutional Carry for Texans. As American citizens we have the RIGHT to bear arms without interference. As law-abiding citizens, our rights should not be infringed. Gun control does not stop crime or criminals --- it only handicaps law-abiding citizens from defending themselves and their families. Until now, it would seem that the government does not trust citizens with guns and would rather treat us like children or criminals. That is insulting. When I was a child, you could be shot by guns at

Sears & Roebuck. Guns are simply tools. More people are killed by cars and blunt objects. Even states in the East have Constitutional Carry; Texas should not be hampered in exercising this right. I trust Texans to be responsible.

Paul V Wyss

Self

Kempner, TX

Texas should be setting the standard for protecting our 2nd Amendment rights. Instead we are followers.

ROY SMITH

self Registered Professional Land Surveyor

Temple, TX

Any person who has passed the LTC or Concealed Carry class and is still in good standing with not felonies or anything else that would prohibit them from being able to conceal carry should be able to openly carry a handgun of their choosing.

Perry Montgomery

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

Please restore our God-given right to self-protection by passing this legislation - thank you!

michael coffee

self

Kerrville, TX

Beyond time to pass this bill.

Forrest Holcomb, Mr.

Self, Retired

Athens, TX

Please vote for this bill.

Jamie Ford

Self

San Antonio, TX

I oppose. Patently dangerous. If more guns in more places made us safer, America would be the safest country on earth. Our gun homicide rate is 25x that of other high-income countries.

Robert Mossotti

Self, attorney

Sunset, TX

The right of self defense is a natural human right possessed by all men and women everywhere and of all time. Compelling otherwise lawful citizens to disarm is of course to leave them at the mercy of an armed criminal element. But to the point of this legislation, it is similarly to trample this fundamental human right to impose fees and a licensing scheme upon the exercise of this basic human right, for a right delayed is a right denied. Fees also limit the right to the those only who have disposable wealth. Certainly, the state has an important interest to preserve in ensuring public safety, but this is but one more argument for removing the licensing scheme (save for purposes of reciprocity at the election of the applicant), for all statistical data agree with the common sense conclusion that leaving citizens in the free exercise of this natural right will reduce crime and victimhood in Texas. I therefore write in support of this bill.

May Mouaket

self

McKinney, TX

Other states that implemented this experienced an increase in the average rate of aggravated assaults with a gun. Don't turn this into the wild west again!

Robert Tyler

self

Houston, TX

I support this bill...

Richard Wolfe

My self

Lubbock, TX

I suppose this

Tanya Bougacha

Self

Wylie, TX

Enough is enough! Have we not experience enough mass shootings?! Everyone that wants a firearm needs to be properly vetted. Civilians do NOT need military weapons.

Cindy Samuelson

Self

Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill. For the sake of public safety, people carrying guns need to have background checks, proper training and store

guns safety.

Marc Armstrong

Self. American citizen

Pflugerville, TX

I fully support the bill and hope it passes. Thank you Mr Biedermann for your hard work

Brian Witherell

Self biologist

La Vernia, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Joshua Brenner

Self graphic designer

Allen, TX

It is every tax paying citizen's Constitutional right and is urgent for personal safety against dangerous illegal immigrants such as gangs and drug cartels crossing the boarder. Politicians have armed security teams, but why cant citizens protect them selves and their families?! Carrying of a firearm by citizens who are not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law is common sense.

Karla Minnick

Self

Terrell, TX

I support this legislation.

John Van Stry

self - Author

VAN ALSTYNE, TX

I support this law and believe it needs to be passed. There is no reason why Texans, are barred from carrying firearms without a license to carry. This state has a long and proud tradition of firearms ownership and of being proud supporters of our constitutional freedoms. Let us send a signal to those who wish to strip us of our rights that we are Texans and that we are free men and women.

Free people own firearms, and are allowed to carry them to provide for their own defense, both against tyrants and criminals. Serfs are not allow such rights.

It's time to show the rest of the country that we are not Serfs!

-John Van Stry

Robert Fairly

Self

Sinton, TX

I support this building strongly urge you to support it as well

George Gumpl, Mr.

Self

San Angelo, TX

I strongly support this legislation.

David Shields

Self-Retired

Clarendon, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Edward A Hillery

self

Houston, TX

The right to bear arms should not be infringed, any limitation on bearing arms by one who is allowed to carry should not be infringed. The constitution does not state that any one with a concealed permit can carry.

Stephen Hopper

Wise County Conservatives

Decatur, TX

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Ruben Martinez

Self

Farmers Branch, TX

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James Simpson

Self

Pearland, TX

I hope you will pass this bill.

George Richards

Self - Retired

Buda, TX

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Deborah Angelo

none

Houston, TX

Please uphold our constitutional rights and support this constitutional carry bill

Mark Schulz

self - Materials/Mfg Engineer / Project Manager

Fort Worth, TX

Support.

It's our constitutional right.

Paul Rupe

Self

Liberty Hill, TX

Please make Texas a Constitutional Carry state by voting for House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

george reeves

temple gun club/self

temple, TX

As a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment and the entire Constitution and a 22 year veteran of the US Army I strongly ask my representative to pass this bill forward and preserve the basic freedoms that we as US Citizens have under the WHOLE CONSTITUTION. You cannot separate any amendment from the whole constitution without making the constitution weak in it's power to govern we the people. The power to govern is given to we the people not elected officials. Elected officials and there to ensure that the constitution is duly executed as written without political bias as our founding fathers made it so,

Christopher Madore

Self

Huntsville, TX

I vigorously support this legislation

Raymond Schmitt

Self

Hillsboro, TX

Please support the above titled bill.

Patricia Sumrow

self

Frisco, TX

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This is a no-brainer. We should be making our streets safer, not giving potential criminals and untrained gun owners free rein to roam the streets with a loaded gun.

Please vote no on HB 1238.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment.

Trevor Collins

Self

Austin, TX

I fully support this bill as it recognizes our unalienable rights to defend ourselves.

Lucas Cummings

Self

Nash, TX

I support constitutional carry.

charles meyer

self

hereford, TX

i support HB 1238 and HB 2900 please vote or it

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self

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Jeff Stinson, Mr.

Self

Nash, TX

Constitutional Carry is long overdue in Texas. Americans have the constitutional right to be armed, without the need of bureaucrats charging them fees to exercise their GOD given rights.

Norman Polly

Self

Houston, TX

Support and Pass these Bills. 1238 & 2900

John Corbett

Self. Retired Geologist

Midland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Christopher Laudicina

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Constitutional carry is essential for the residents of Texas to protect themselves, their families and their community. The 2nd amendment states that the right to bear shall not be infringed, but requiring a permit to conceal carry is an infringement of our rights the same way requiring poll taxes and literacy tests were an infringement. While there have been multiple “constitutional carry” bills proposed this legislative session, HB1238 is the best of the proposed bills, as it the true definition of constitutional carry and does not have scenarios that require a permit such as some of the other bills. If passed I believe that this bill would help make Texas safer- evidence to support this world be the fact that in 2019 the 3 safest states had constitutional carry, Governor Abbott has also said that he wishes for Texas to become a “second amendment sanctuary” and passing this bill would help Texas accomplish that goal. If this bill does not pass, Texas can not claim to be an ally of the 2nd amendment as other states have already implemented constitutional carry laws, and the residents of Texas would have to place their hope in other states rather than the “2nd amendment sanctuary state”. Thank you for considering this bill, and for reading my petition, I trust that you love the constitution and that your love for the constitution was a reason you ran for office, and because of that I trust you will help repeal this unconstitutional regulation that prohibits law abiding Texans from protecting themselves and their loved ones. Thank you. God Bless you and God Bless Texas.

Justin Cook

Self

Port Lavaca, TX

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Cary Mellema

Myself

Aurora, TX

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importantly from the Government. Texans have the right to defend themselves, on and off their property, regardless of whether they have a license in their pocket, or not."

Harold Dishongh

Self

Belton, TX

I strongly urge the Texas Legislature to support HB 1238 in order to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.'

Harold Dishongh

Dylan George

Self Firefighter/Paramedic

Salado, TX

With the border crisis and unconstitutional gun control grabs the Biden administration is trying to push now it is more important than ever to get Constitutional Carry passed so we the people of Texas can protect ourselves and our families. The President has shown no concern for the state of Texas by letting undocumented migrants to flood our state. Some are murders, thieves, rapists, drug and human traffickers. Please allow Texans to protect ourselves and our families. Now the President and his administration are trying to push more gun control and limit firearm sales and purchases. The research shows gun control does not work. Look at the data in Chicago, strong gun control but extremely high gun violence. Why? Cause violent criminals don't care about gun control laws. Criminals dont buy guns legally, they dont fill out paperwork and go through a background check. Taking guns from law abiding citizens just makes more targets for the criminals with illegal guns. How do you stop gun violence? With armed citizens. Please pass this bill!

Adelaida Underhill

Texas Gun Rights

Gatesville, TX

do the right thing. Support this bill.

Cyndi Davis

Representing my entire family

Kyle, TX

Please support constitutional carry!!! The 2nd amendment is what made this a free country. We absolutely need to keep it free. Thank you. Have a wonderful day.

Jodi Brinson

self

Rhome, TX

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Merrel Moore

Self/Real Estate Broker/Leasing specialist

Midlothian, TX

pro

Kevin Moon

Self

Amarillo, TX

As an honest, law-abiding American Citizen and Texan I feel the need to reach out to you, our elected government servants. I am watching elected politicians go against the will of the people and their constituents in real-time with little to no regard for the U.S. Constitution and Texas Constitution which they have sworn to uphold and protect. I am so troubled by the reckless activities of multiple public servants that I felt the need to research the oath that elected officials take when elected into office. I realize it may have been some time since you've seen these words so I felt compelled to share them with each of you:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

I hope that each of you is an ethical person who will honor the oath you have taken to "... preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State". You may choose to interpret the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the 23rd right provided by our own Great State of Texas however you wish, but it's not up for interpretation. It means what it says.

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

The right to keep and bear arms is protected by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and simply states that this right SHALL NOT be infringed. Unfortunately, since the time our great forefathers penned the U.S. Constitution and its amendments, this right has been and continues to be infringed upon.

In addition, the 23rd right of our own Great State of Texas, our citizens are guaranteed the "RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State; but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime."

I am in favor of the passing of HB 1238.

Larry Krohmer

Retired (self)

Katy, TX

I fully support HB 1238 by Biedermann for concealed carry.

Janis and Kenneth Friedrich

FTP

Doss, TX

We strongly support this bill.

Keith Daley

Self

Lakehills, TX

It's time to pass constitutional carry??

James Dawley

self

Allen, TX

It is long past time for Texans to have constitutional carry.

David Leal

Self

Edinburg, TX

Do it

John Guerrero

self/retired

Houston, TX

I support and request your vote for passage of this bill.

Amiel Vankemseke

Myself

Allen, TX

Please pass this bill!

Charles Gauntt, Mr

Mr Gauntt an his family

Mexia, TX

Owning n carrying a weapon is a god given right n shall not be infringed upon

John Avery

Self

Grapevine, TX

I support this bill to protect my family, friends and community.

Rhonda Magnuson

Self

Decatur, TX

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Gerald Suthoff

Self

Belton, TX

I strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.'

John DeLaGarza

self

Portland, TX

Support HB 1238. Self defense is a human right. No individual should be denied effective means of self defense because they cannot afford a government license or government required training.

Joseph Syslo

Self. Retired.

North Richland Hills, TX

This Bill need full support and passage.

Erich Prinz, Mr.

Self

Georgetown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Deborah Morris

Self Retired

Royse City, TX

First the second amendment gives us this right. It's in the Constitution, therefore this should not even be an issue or questioned! I'm a 68 yr. old female who is easy prey. I should have the right to defend myself without asking the government or having to go through training and tests spending money I don't have, to stop an attacker! We can defend our home, and carry in our cars, ugh hello, my body is my main home! I should be able to defend myself, the body is the most vulnerable! I am defending my body, my physical home! I bet if I carry a rifle or shotgun and head into a business the police would be called or someone would shoot me thinking I want to harm someone. This is laughable! I want to carry my pistol! Texas should have been one of the first to carry without a permit. Seems like the permit is just another way to make money off of us. I also support HB2900.
Thank you.

Tommy Stansell

self

Temple, TX

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Robert Stephens, Mr.

self

Pecos, TX

I am in favor of this bill.

Nathaniel Lynn

Self, sales manager

Decatur, TX

"The Second Amendment of the US Constitution, as well as Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution, do not convey a right to Texans by their Fellow Texans in the state House, but rather document a natural right that we are given by the Almighty to protect ourselves from each other, and most importantly from the Government. Texans have the right to defend themselves, on and off their property, regardless of whether they have a license in their pocket, or not."

You either believe in self governance or you believe in Tyranny.

Timothy Krivda

Timothy F. Krivda

Conroe, TX

Constitution First. Government has no right to restrict the 2nd Amendment as it pertains to all persons able to purchase and obtain firearms for them of legal age. Carrying it openly or concealing them should always be at the discretion and not at the hands of elected officials especially those who could be bias about our Constitution of the United States.

Shelly Payne

Self

Humble, TX

I support this bill! Thank you!

John Chailer, Mr.

self, engineer

Houston, TX

I si support this bill

Judith Lowrance, CPA

Self - Certified Public Accountant

Abilene, TX

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Brenda Platt, Pres

Wise County Conservatives

Bridgeport, TX

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Travis Anderson

Self

Lake Jackson, TX

Needed for personnel protection open borders

Mark Burns

Self / Ammunition Manufacturer

Edgewood, TX

I support this bill and passing constitutional carry for the state of Texas. The right to carry a handgun for self defense should not require the same legal process it takes to apply for an FFL license to sell and manufacture firearms and ammunition. These legal hoops are what hinder many citizens from the ability to protect themselves.

Edward Ortmann, Mr.

Self I am self employeed.

Houston, TX

The Constitution guarantees my right to carry a gun for my protection and to protect my family. Texas does not have the right to remove any of my Constitutional rights.

Richard Buller, MR

Self

El Paso, TX

I urge fair consideration for this common-sense legislation.

Annette Falconett

self

Austin, TX

Texans should have the right to Constitutional Gun Carry as long as they are not doing so to commit a crime.

Douglas Moore

self - retired

Kountze, TX

Permits turn our rights into privileges. Please do what's right. We need our unfringed rights to own and carry our defense tools more than ever now. God bless.

Frank Cadena, Mr.

Self

Helotes, TX

As my representative, I urge you to vote yes on HB 1238.

Danny Bench

Self retired

Rocksprings, TX

Should be passed we are law abiding Texans.

Clifford Lester, Mr

Individual

Spring, TX

This subject has been debated too long. Stop denying individual gun rights by forcing the restriction of an individuals right to bear arms. This right should not require a license.

Robert Reiler

self

Spicewood, TX

Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states in the nation. Thirty other states believe in "Liberty and Justice for all" and it is well past time for Texas to do the same. All of the fears of Texas becoming the wild west when concealed carry was permitted with so called "shootouts in the streets" have not come to pass, and if anything have made things safer for those who would otherwise be defenseless. Please support this "actual" common sense legislation.

Matt Corcoran

Self

Houston, TX

I strongly support this bill. We shouldn't have to jump through government hoops and pay even more fees just to ask permission to express our RIGHTS as guaranteed by the constitution or to beg for permission to keep ourselves and/or our families safe while not at home. Gangs and other criminals don't care about getting a permit to carry which leaves us law abiding citizens defenseless if we don't have a permit and don't carry or turns us into criminals just for being safe and carrying. It is our job to keep ourselves safe so we should be able to without turning ourselves into criminals in order to do so. Every single responsible gun owning American knows this and Texas should have been a constitutional carry state many years ago.

Robert Wall

self

Austin, TX

Texas has for too long put off passing a Constitutional Carry bill and now is the time to do it. The socialist democrats are doing everything the can to strip law abiding Americans of their Right to carry and their Right to even own firearms. This bill must pass.

Antonio Labanzat

SELF

The Woodlands, TX

It's my constitutional right to carry my fire arm, whenever and wherever.

Mark Rynders

Self consultant

Abilene, TX

For a law abiding citizen this should be standard practice.

Joseph Syslo

Self. Retired.

North Richland Hills, TX

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Vernon Donaldson

Self -retired

Leander, TX

This bill needs to be passed.

Thomas Strubbe

self, service tech

Alvin, TX

I support this bill

Darrel Rhyne, Mr.

self

Toyahvale, TX

I support this bill.

As a Free Texan I should not have to ask the state for permission to exercise my God given and constitutionally recognized right to carry a handgun in public to protect myself, my family, my friends and fellow citizens.

The majority of states do not require a license to carry a handgun and Texas should be leading the country in protecting the peoples rights, not playing catchup.

Of the five safest states in 2019, four were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, Idaho, and New Hampshire).

Robert long

self

argyle, TX

needs to pass bill

Lauren Coartney

self, self-employed

McKinney, TX

Please oppose this bill. Revoking the permitting system would allow people to concealed carry without training, which is dangerous. Additionally, across the country, 1 in 9 people who tried to buy a gun online were legally prohibited from having one, a rate seven times higher than the denial rate at gun stores or in other contexts where background checks are required. More than 400 million guns were sold legally in Texas in March and April 2020 ALONE. Why would you want to suddenly grant murderers and domestic abusers guns? Let's please just not. Thanks.

rocky pack

myself

Bridgeport, TX

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Hilarie Benedetto

Indivisible Grapevine Area, NE Tarrant County Democrats, Moms Demand Action

Grapevine, TX

I implore you to oppose Permitless Carry in TX! Texan lives are at stake!!! Training safety, safeguards, fiscal reasons, gun violence & increased firearm crimes are several reasons to vote NO!!!

Denise Richter, Ph.D.

self, retired professor

San Antonio, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

James Ory

myself

San Antonio, TX

This Bill is a must for Texans

Evonne Kohon

self retired

Austin, TX

Please support HB 1238!!!

Andrew Cucci

Self - Retired LEO

Frisco, TX

I am in support of HB1238. As a retired LEO, who spent many years working for NY state, I had the opportunity to see the fallacy of any type of gun control. While this issue is not at the center of this bill, I feel it is beyond time for Texas, a state I moved to in part, after retirement, because my values are Texas values and freedom is not just a word here, that we join the multiple other states that allow constitutional carry.

For those who oppose this measure, let me take the time to explain that nothing in this bill changes persons who are prohibited from carrying weapons. Criminals will do what criminals will do and that is break the law. We should not allow those individuals to keep the law abiding from exercising their God-Given, natural right to self-defense. A right which should not need permission from any government. Thank you for your time.

Sarah Goldberg

Self

Houston, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Emerging data shows that states that have passed permitless carry legislation are experiencing a substantial increase in gun violence. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Jimmy Mundy

Self

Paradise, TX

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Ian Sandland

Mr.

Plano, TX

I'm opposed to this bill and any that allows the permitless carry of firearms. I believe that we need to ensure that only sane, law-abiding, responsible citizens have firearms. This does the opposite of that.

Bergan Casey, Mrs.

Moms Demand Action

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. I do not believe that permitless carry is in the best interest of the public. How would you possibly ensure the person is reasonable and trained? After so many preventable, deadly shootings by MEN we don't need to open the loopholes, we

need to close them.

Dara Sandland

Inspira Marketing Partners

Plano, TX

I OPPOSE all permitless carry bills. Citizens should have a permit to legally carry a firearm.

Bernice Messina-Gates, Mrs

self/retired

Fate, TX

I support HB 1238. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. It does nothing to stop criminals, they are already determined to break the law. Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their constitutional right to carry a handgun. Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry. Having constitutional carry in Texas will help to make Texas citizens safer which should be the purpose of all gun laws. Thank you.

Randy Hoffmann

self

CHICO, TX

My 2nd Amendment rights should not be infringed upon by the Government nor any person as this right is for protection of life and property and if necessary against the Government

Lauren Gomez

Self

Houston, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Andrea Brauer

self

Austin, TX

My name is Andrea Brauer. I am a member of the Austin Independent School District Safety and Security Committee, and a long-time gun violence prevention advocate. I am testifying against HB 1238.

Simply put, this bill is a solution in search of a problem. This legislation does not address any problem within current law, but rather creates new challenges and threatens public safety.

Responsible gun owners already have many rights, including a simple process to get a License to Carry. This process benefits all Texans by ensuring gun owners know the law, are trained, and have a background check.

No large state with a major metro area like Houston allows residents to carry handguns with no background check, training, or knowledge of the law. Yet these bills seek to remove basic protections and oversight designed to keep guns out of the

wrong hands.

In 2020, there were 1,049 convictions for unlicensed carry of a weapon, and 1,147 convictions of unlicensed possession by a felon. There were 147 convictions for deadly conduct by discharge of a firearm. Only 1 was an LTC holder.

Proponents of these bills do not argue that unlicensed carry is good public policy or would improve public safety. Gun owners that value their rights, but also worry about accidents, impulsive behavior, and the safety of children know that what is falsely called "Constitutional Carry" is unwise.

The gun industry and lobby touts itself as a voice for responsible gun ownership and training. The National Rifle Association on its website states, "At the NRA, firearm training and education is paramount." And the standards of licensure and the safety records of license holders have been used by members of the Legislature and gun rights advocates to make the case for the dramatic easing of gun safety restrictions over the last few sessions.

If the licensure becomes optional, collection of any data and conviction reports for Texas gun owners will be meaningless. There are thousands of applicants DPS denies each year, and licenses that DPS revokes or suspends. If this bill were to pass, many of these same criminals would be able to carry in public.

Please remember the Sutherland Springs shooting in 2017, Santa Fe High School in 2018 and the El Paso shooting in 2019. Is loosening our licensing process really the message you want to send to the people of Texas? Are we as a state going to say that we support law enforcement, then pass a law that our officers are opposed to and would make them less safe? Are we as a state going to say that we support law enforcement, then pass a law that our officers are opposed to and would make them less safe? Texas understand why a License increases safety, do not complain, or believe it is burdensome, and understand that gun ownership comes with responsibility. It is only the very loud minority that want this change. Don't fix a system that is not broken. Vote no on this bill that is wrong for Texas. k

Frank Wells

Wise County Conservatives

Decatur, TX

I am for this bill.

Greg Blalock

Self/ Distribution

N. Richland Hills, TX

I support this bill.

Rudy Walker

Walker Electrical Consulting

Royse City, TX

Please pass this Constitutional Carry Bill. The more prepared a society is to defend itself, the safer the society is.

Bruce Winkler

Self

Temple, TX

This should be a right for all law abiding citizens in the US and Texas. Government should not punish the law abiding people. Thank you

Dixie Pitcox

Self

Brady, TX

I am for this bill, because I don't think it should be unlawful to carry a hunting firearm from your home to the deer lease, to travel with a firearm to maintain a person's safety or to move a firearm from one residence to another. A citizen who has no criminal record should not become a criminal by exercising their 2nd amendment right!

Cindy Haley

self - teacher

Houston, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bill 1238 with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Erica Lawrence

self, HR at Civil Engineering firm

Spring, TX

My name is Erica. I'm a native Texan and mother to four young children. My husband (10 year veteran of the Air Force) and I support the 2nd amendment and are gun owners. We both believe permitless carry is dangerous and will not help make Texans safer. What I understand is that the Permitless Carry Legislation would eliminate safeguards like the necessary safety training, allowing unvetted and untrained people to carry handguns in public. IN PUBLIC! Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation. Thank you, Erica 361-443-6052 cell

Dean Mastern

self - retired

Tyler, TX

I support this bill! If we can legally buy a weapon, we should be allowed to carry it under the 2nd Amendment. Requiring a government issued permit is not only an infringement of our rights, but an additional hardship on many people. Now, with the increasing problems at the border, and many hostile entities invading Texas, we need to be protected!

George Farmer, Mr.

Self, Educator

Brady, TX

I believe in the Constitutional right to bear arms as long as I or any citizen are not prohibited by law to carry, openly or concealed, in accordance to law.

Cody Gillispie, Mr

Self

Decatur, TX

Please support this bill.

Shannon Flores

N/A

Katy, TX

I am a Texas gun owner. My wife has had her LTC for almost 14 years. We OPPOSE permitless carry bills SB 540, HB 1238, HB 1587, and SJR 24.

The LTC program in Texas allows gun owners to learn the law, pass a written AND a shooting test. Allowing gun owners to carry weapons openly without a vetting process is irresponsible and reckless.

During a worldwide pandemic, after a catastrophic winter freeze fiasco due to a deregulated electrical grid and more important issues, your time and energy should be spent helping Texans, not fulfilling a talking point from the Governor about our status as a 2nd Amendment sanctuary state.

Thank you for your time.

Thomas A. Compton

Self. Retired.

Menard, TX

The ONLY reason politicians promote more and more restrictive firearms laws is intended eventual confiscation.

Simply passing a law does NOTHING. There are ample, even excessive, laws on the books against murder, assault with a deadly weapon, vehicular manslaughter, drunk driving etc, etc. NONE have prevented such acts without following through on severe punishment. Aggressive enforcement, harsh sentences, and strict adherence to those sentences helped reduce alcohol related vehicle deaths.

Follow that example, adhere to the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and quit grandstanding.

Tom Compton

Menard, Texas

Joe Berthof

Self

RICHLAND HILLS, TX

I encourage a yes vote for this bill.

Christine Schmitz

Self

Houston, TX

I find Permitless Carry dangerous. I don't want to walk into any public establishment in fear of my life. I should be able to do

business in doctors office, shopping mall, hospital, grocery stores without worrying about other patrons carrying weapons.

Naomi Stallard

Private citizen

Decatur, TX

Please support this bill as it is imperative that Texans continue to possess and exercise our Second amendment rights to protect ourselves and our property against acts of violence, lawlessness, and harm to self or property.

William Taylor

Self

Bridgeport, TX

Approve this bill

Rollin Myers

Self

Baytown, TX

I fully support CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY . It's sad Texas isn't leading the way on this issue instead of dragging far behind . Pass CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY.

Patrick Bloomer

self/retired

Kingwood, TX

I am opposed to permitless carry. It is dangerous and irresponsible to do away with required safety training and permits for concealed carry.

Cheryl Camerer

Self/RN

Frisco, TX

The Constitution states our right to keep and bear arms "Shall Not Be Infringed" Requiring a permit is an infringement upon that right. The Constitution is my permit.

Trudy Hamrick

Self, wife, mother, homeschool mom, former IT professional

LINDALE, TX

I support this bill and encourage all representatives to vote for it.
Thank you.

Alicia Iriarte

Self

San Antonio, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Kenneth Wendland, Ph.D

Wendland & Associates Real Estate

Kerrville, TX

LAW ABIDING CITIZENS of Texas, and the U.S., should not be prohibited from owning, carrying (open or concealed) at all times and storing firearms without concern that the firearm may be taken. Any firearms in possession of a law abiding person should not have to be 'registered' other than information obtained at the time of purchase. Many Texans have firearms passed from one family member or friend to another, or purchased otherwise, which may not have been registered at the time of original purchase (particularly antique firearms). The possession of such firearms should not be prohibited. The Constitution of the United States basically provides for this right.

Firearms, in recent years, have become progressively more high tech, high capacity, higher power, - all leading to more destructive capabilities. If a LAW ABIDING CITIZEN of Texas, and of 'sound mind', desires to own and possess these high capacity firearms for protection or other reasons, they should not be restricted from possessing such firearms.

LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF TEXAS understand that 'if guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have them'. (look at Mexico today - citizens fearful of cartels with guns and citizens have no means of defense- the underlying reason for massive influx of immigrants, drugs, human smugglers, etc in 2021). Texans will not and should not give up their guns to any bureaucratic laws that attempt to take away their right.

Raymond Golden

Self

Aledo, TX

We need this to pass

DAVE CHOQUETTE

USCCA

Temple, TX

2A is a constitutionally secured GOD GIVEN RIGHT

Alton Jacobs

Self

Temple, TX

Request full review and passage to floor for vote with final passage.

Kevin Harris

Self

Lubbock, TX

As a law abiding citizen, the Constitution gives me the right to bear arms.

Dawn Lawrence

self

Austin, TX

I am writing to you as a proud Texan that supports the 2nd Amendment and personal freedoms, but also supports safe gun sense laws. We are not asking that people's guns be taken away. We are simply asking to put in place restrictions that would make it more difficult for a person to gain access to these firearms when they possess intent to harm others. I am so unclear why we even have to advocate for this. Wouldn't anyone want to help reduce another innocent person being fatally shot? Wouldn't we all do anything in our power to reduce the chance the another innocent person losing a parent or a child. This shouldn't be a partisan issue. This is a humanity issue and a "do the right thing" issue. Please act in the interest in public safety and oppose all permitless carry legislation.

Ralph Baxter

Myself

Temple, TX

I believe being able to carry a firearm is a right. Why not a license to ensure a defendant doesn't have to endure cruel or unusual punishment?

Vr,

Ralph Baxter

Victor Acosta

Self

Lewisville, TX

I support this bill and want the state of Texas to become a constitutional carry state.

Sarah Richardson

self

Telephone, TX

I support this bill. It is wrong to require permits for a right in the Bill of Rights of our Federal Constitution. And with the change in fingerprint requirements, makes for a difficult process in my county - which has no place to get the official fingerprint paperwork.

Robin Cavanaugh

self

Killeen, TX

No other pre-political, natural, and protected Individual Rights in the Bill of Rights requires fees, training, permits, license, and worst of all, Government permission to exercise.

The Second Amendment must be read in the context of the entire law and the acknowledgment in the Declaration of Independence that our rights are pre-political, that our rights predate the Constitution, and are therefore not granted by government as mere privileges bestowed upon worthy individuals who satisfy some kind of government standard.

This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we. We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of government to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens. Thank you for your consideration.' This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we. We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of government to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Stevens

Self / Retired

SANGER, TX

I SUPPORT this bill for the following reasons: a) a free citizen should not have to ask permission from the government to exercise a natural right. The Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution doesn't grant rights, it enumerates them and the 2nd Amendment is quite specific in its wording. b) The prohibition on handgun carry in Texas is a holdover from both post Civil War Reconstruction and Jim Crow laws and has absolutely nothing to do with public safety as a majority of states have discovered after passing their forms of "permit-less carry" c) Requiring a permit to carry a firearm denies potential victims the means to defend themselves right away but it does nothing to stop criminals, because criminals do not obey or respect laws.

richard nicholas

None

Plano, TX

Any interpretation of basic Human rights has to include in its foundation the Natural Right to self defense. Any sane just person should never have to ask for permission.

Sher Bottjer

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I am in favor of our constitutional rights being verifiable and stated as being upheld! Vote yes on this please!

Kent Slick

Self and wife

Ben Wheeler, TX

With our rights in general being restricted or denied by the federal gov, we need this right to protect ourselves....and others.

jennifer panicker

Self, attorney

Wylie, TX

I oppose permitting people without licenses to carry firearms. I believe we need stricter gun control, not more lax. There is absolutely no reason for anyone outside of law enforcement to be carrying around a weapon. Have a rifle to go hunting, enjoy a gun range. But I don't need to see assault weapons at the grocery store. Without restrictions on who can own, carry, and use a gun we will see an increase in domestic violence. This hurts families and children.

Alberto Carrizal

Self-Entrepreneur

South Lake, TX

I support this Bill...1238.....Again Benjamin Franklin was quoted"Never trust a government that doesn't trust its own citizens with guns." Law Abiding Citizens should not have to go through red tape to purchase a gun or be overburden with license. If you are 18 in Texas and old enough to fight for your country then you should be able to buy a gun with no rhetoric.

Anamaria Grelus, PM

Self

Frisco, TX

I support BILL 1238 because of Constitutional Carry.
In TX have the right to defend themselves

Charles Jackson

Self

Austin, TX

Please vote for House Bill 1238 with no compromising amendments. Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Nancy Barber

Self

Beaumont, TX

All citizens not prohibited from carrying a fire arm to protect themselves should be granted. With all the craziness out there, the general public is no longer safe to go about their business. Police & law enforcement are spaced so far apart & otherwise working, who will protect us from the unlawful acts being committed. If you take away our guns, only criminals will have them. Illinois has one of the toughest gun laws in the country & there are more murders committed by illegal guns, the citizens are at risk. Do not want to see Texas become like that. Vote yes to legal carrying of fire arms.

Don Daro

Self

Austin, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Manuel Campos, MR.

Self

Spring, TX

As, a law abiding texan I fully support this bill and would love to see it passed. I believe its time to catch up to other states and help protect and preserve life. We need constitutional carry so that anyone who can own a firearm and has the means to can protect themselves with out fear of prosecution. I say yes and I hope those who represent us give us what we want.

David LeBlanc

self Retired

The Colony, TX

Please support these two bills

Stephen McKinley, Mr.

self

College Station, TX

No citizen of the United States of America without a felony conviction should be required to ask permission or pay any fee to exercise rights granted by the U.S. Constitution.

Larry Richter

self - retired

San Antonio, TX

I am requesting passage of this House Bill and I am looking forward to the support from my representative, Lyle Larson.

Dean Hendricks, Mr

Self retiredhrh

Burlington, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.”

Susan Johnson

Self

KINGWOOD, TX

TX resident zip code 77345. I support the 2nd Amendment but oppose permissless carry. Our current License To Carry system helps protect us from criminals, substance abusers and domestic abusers owning guns. Plus our current system prevents people owning a gun with out at least a minimum of training in gun handling. Please oppose HB 1238. Thank you

Will Chessher

Self

Warren, TX

Texans should be able to carry protection at all times due to increased crimes in Texas

Kay Wasden

Self. I am a musician.

HOUSTON, TX

I am a responsible Texas gun owner and I vehemently oppose this bill. This bill puts all Texans in danger.

JOHNNY BULGIER

self

Whitesboro, TX

I am in support of the bill to allow adult citizens to exercise their right to carry firearms with out a permit. It is time to allow this basic human right without government infringement. Good citizens do not need to be permitted to be good citizens. The criminals could care less about laws and this puts the citizen at the mercy of the predator.

Protect our rights, allow us to protect ourselves, our families and our communities.

Brandon Parr

Self

Temple, TX

No American should require the governments permission to carry a firearm in order to defend themselves and their families if need be.

Bruce Davis

Self Repair Technician

Kingwood, TX

With the surge from the socialist liberal party to pass unconstitutional gun control legislation that only effects law abiding citizens as criminals don't care about laws, I urge you to support this bill and in doing so ensure Texas is one of the safest states in the nation.

Deborah Rashell

Self

Dayton, TX

HB1238 and HB2900, I support! I have a gun and a shotgun for protection. I had a break in by an illegal alien over 20 years ago, and a 357 hand gun saved me from being attacked in the dark of night in my own home.

Lorenzo Armenta, Mr

Self

Lubbock, TX

It's our constitutional right

Frank Swartwout

self

Little Elm, TX

I am opposed to any legislation that allows a person to carry handgun , open or concealed, without a proper background check and training. Texas should continue to require licenses. if anything, we needed more stringent requirements, not looser requirements to carry a gun. How many people have to die from gun violence before something is done? it is time to represent your constituents, not the gun lobby.

Gil Crawford

Livingston Texas Lions Club

LIVINGSTON, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

George Clement

self

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is George Clement and I support constitutional carry. I believe the right to protect myself and my family is one of the cornerstones to our republic. It marks a key difference between America and other places where personal defense is impossible.

I currently have a Texas LTC and personally, I found the process was odd and burdensome to the point where I wondered if it was discouraging on purpose. Further I wondered during the process how many law-abiding citizens would've give up because of time constraints, or they didn't have the extra funds to meet some requirements, despite their needs.

I think these bills will provide the fastest route to enabling law abiding citizens access to tools for their self-defense without burdening them further. I ask you move bills HB1238 and HB2900 forward to help all Texans have access to tools they can use to

be their first line of defense.

Thanks
George Clement

Cynthia Hill, RN
Self-Registered Nurse
Lubbock, TX

Every law abiding citizen has the God given right which is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution to own & carry a firearm if & when that citizen feels the need to do so. It is my right to protect myself & my family should nefarious people try to accost me. Nothing more need be said.

Rachel Saines-Day
self
Texas City, TX

The 2nd amendment of the US constitution says my right to bear arms shall not be infringed. I support constitutional carry for Texas. Please pass this bill.

Will Houser
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Pass Constitutional carry

Charles Perry
Self
La Marque, TX

This is a right granted to us by God, and gauranteed by the constitution!

Brian Flens
Self
Winona, TX

I support this bill - the Second Amendment of the US Constitution states that the right to bear arms "shall not be infringed." Requiring a law-abiding citizen to get licensed in order to exercise a Constitutionally protected right is an infringement and it's time Texas becomes a Constitutional Carry state.

Patricia Todd, Ms
Self Retired Nurse
Whitehouse, TX

I support all lawful gun owners age 18 and older the right to legally possess a firearm.
My family served in the military and in law enforcement.
They should not have to ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry.
Violent crime rates go down within 5 years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.
At the very least, with open borders we can defend ourselves in real time.

Virginia Phillips

Self

Ennis, TX

This is a really horrible bill. We have fought for strengthening gun laws for over twenty years. Texas doesn't want to impinge on the Second Amendment, that's fine. But throwing open the doors is not the right thing either. Requiring completion of a firearm safety course, required for a permit, would go by the wayside. Training ensures permit holders are aware of how to properly carry and the responsibilities of carrying a weapon of death. Law enforcement experts, firearm trainers, and military personnel statistically concur that people who carry concealed guns should take firearm training, to include live-fire training. With no permit carry, this all goes away. Any adult could carry and there is no assurance that the individual can be trusted to carry and knows how to safely carry. Permit less carry would allow those who were convicted of assault but only got probation to carry a gun, we know how Boulder CO turned out for the ten victims at King Sooper. Let's speak a language you understand, removing the need for permits would have a negative economic impact to the tune of nearly \$37 million to the Texas budget. That's only for the next two years. Weak gun laws, and permit less carry is a weak gun law, its no law, increase the number of crimes and accidental shootings. Maybe an increase of nearly ten percent doesn't mean anything to you, but if it was one of your loved ones, would you care then?

Steven Armour, Mr.

Self

Wharton, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Elizabeth Clark

self/retired

Georgetown, TX

WRT HB 1911; HB 1238; HB 1927 and HB 2900 currently being considered by your committee & in light of the recent horrendous shootings in GA & CO, how could this new legislation possibly make Texans safer from gun violence? As a concerned mother of a public school teacher & grandmother of 2 grandkids in public school, I beg you to consider making Texas a safer place to live & go to school rather than more dangerous. Also, WRT these recent shooters being so young, how do young people under 21 years of age possibly have the wisdom & self-control to keep from performing dangerous acts w/ guns not realizing the consequences of their actions? Plz keep Texas safe from gun violence & do away w/ allowing weapons of mass destruction such as automatic rifles & multiple ammunition, even hunters don't need those to enjoy their sport. Thank you for your consideration.

David Sims

Self - retired

Huntsville, TX

I urge support for this bill and HB 2900.

Steven Sandlin

Self, engineer

Katy, TX

I fully, and without reservation, support the passage of this bill immediately. The permit system is just another barrier for law abiding individuals to exercise their right to defense of self and property, and those intending to do harm are going to carry their firearms without a license anyway.

Christopher Manzi

self, Software Engineer

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill.

The God-given right to self-defense is central to our rights as human beings. Without the right to keep and bear arms, we are entirely at the mercy of the nearest tyrant or mob that seeks to oppress us. Every citizen deserves the right to keep and bear arms unimpeded by the authorities, and the state of Texas must recognize the rights of its people to secure and defend themselves and their loved ones.

Jeffrey Frusha

self Disabled Veteran

Luling, TX

Before this last year, I have rarely felt unsafe when traveling. Due to riots and people being pulled out of vehicles, then beaten by mobs (some beaten to death), I have not truly felt unsafe. This civil unrest goes against everything I consider 'normal'. There have been riots in Austin and San Antonio, jeopardizing innocent lives. I have fears that these thugs will block traffic and injure, or even kill me, or my family members. They are of various ethnic groups, but decide based on appearances as to whom they are going to attack. I have already spent 6 months protecting my new home from Hispanic Cartel members and only recently been able to put an end to that. Living outside the city limits, the police have no jurisdiction and the Sheriff's Department does not respond at all.

Ralph Kliza

Self engineer

Kemah, TX

Please support this bill and any others such as 2900 that have to do with pro 2A and constitutional carry

Aaron James

Self/ Bricklayer

Fort Worth, TX

I support this bill because we as Texans should not have to ask permission to exercise our right to carry a handgun. Criminals are not going to ask permission. Also, criminals are less likely to commit a crime when they know folks are armed. We need the freedom to defend ourselves and that comes with Constitutional Carry.

Lindsay DeHartchuck
Self, Education Consultant
AUSTIN, TX

I'm a Texas mom who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes that permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

James Tigert
self
Celina, TX

I support this bill as a measure to ensure the safety and freedom guaranteed to all Texans.

Robert Lytton
Professor
Bryan, TX

I support the passage of the bill into law and encourage a vote for it.

Ollen Burnette, Mr
Self - Retired
Killeen, TX

No other God given, natural and protected Individual Rights in the Bill of Rights requires fees, training, permits, license and worst of all, Government permission to exercise.

The Second Amendment must be read in context of the entire law and the acknowledgement in the Declaration of Independence that our rights are God given, that our rights predate the Constitution and are therefore not granted by government as mere privileges bestowed upon worthy individuals who satisfy some kind of government standard.

Our government does not have rights. Our government has limited powers carefully and specifically granted through the Constitution for the sole purpose of preserving and protecting all of the rights of the individual. What can the government constitutionally presume about me if I want to own a firearm? Whose burden is it to show that I should or should not be able to possess a firearm?

This is why the whole Constitution matters and it matters in relation to the Declaration. Because your and my rights are God given. The government bears the burden of proving why I am an unfit gun owner, or an unfit parent, or have committed a criminal act, or any other accusation bearing legal consequences when my rights are at stake.

The government must presume that I am a fully fit citizen, meaning in legal terms that none of my rights can legally or properly be infringed upon unless and until the government shows proof by a legal standard that I have acted in some way contrary to the

law and the sanction for my actions can result in the government denying certain rights, such as taking away liberty through imprisonment. The government cannot presume that I am going to act in an illegal manner just because my neighbor, my relative, a criminal or mentally ill individual has committed a crime.

Liberty means the government does not have authority to punish me before I have chosen to act contrary to law. The government does have legitimate authority to criminalize some conduct, but must prove that I have committed that criminal act before it may punish me.

This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we.

I strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.'

Danny Treadaway

Self

Kaufman, TX

Pass it

William Varnadore

Wise county conservatives

Decatur, TX

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution, as well as Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution, do no convey a right to Texans, but rather document a natural right that we are given by the Almighty to protect ourselves from each other, and most importantly from the Government. Texans have the right to defend themselves, on and off their property, regardless of whether they have a license in their pocket, or not."

Joseph Salema

Self

Little Elm, TX

I support HB 1238

David Day

The Post Newspaper

Texas City, TX

Please vote for this constitutional gun right.

Jason Tibolt

Self

Austin, TX

I support the 2nd amendment and believe everyone has the right to carry

Dale Dittmar

self

FREDERICKSBURG, TX

I support HB 1238

Pablo Silveira

Self

Floresville, TX

Guns do not kill people. Taking Guns away from responsible law abiding citizens is not the cure/fix for the problem. Criminals will not abide by the rules, they never had. Leaving us empty handed will just put us at risk.

Don Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

Permitless carry for lawful gun owners age 18+ is constitutional. There should be no difference between license to carry and permitless carry.

Arthur Sanders

Self DDI Engineer

Fort Worth, TX

Any law abiding Texan should have the right to carry a firearm. The best security is an individual who is ready to defend themselves and those around him/her.

Garry Henderson

Self

Odessa, TX

In favor of this bill

James Alexander

Self

Hutto, TX

Constitutional carry

David Arbizu, Mr.

self

Mesquite, TX

Allow American Citizens the right to constitutionally carry.

Brian Will

Self

Plano, TX

To Whom it May Concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I support HB 1238 (Biedermann) as I believe it is a Constitutional right under the Second Amendment. I respectfully request that your committee vote in favor of passing this bill.

Sincerely,

Brian & Martha Will

Plano, TX

Cory Streiff

self

Carbon, TX

I am in favor of this bill.

Larry Lindley

self

Seagoville, TX

This is a God given right to protect ones self and their Family my family has served this country since the civil war remember Shall not be infringed.

Omar Garza, Mr

Self

Peñitas, TX

I omar support HB 1238 , as an honest law abiding citizen i strongly support and believe its our right to be able to carry a firearm without permit. I believe that when a citizen passes the background check from form 4473 that should be enough for me to carry a gun because thats proves I'am not a felon, and pose no threat to society and that i am a law abiding citizen.

Steve Whittington

Self

McKinney, TX

I support HB 1238

Carla Spraggins

Self - Registered nurse, retired

La Vernia, TX

This bill needs to be passed now more than at any other time in our history. We must have the means to protect ourselves from any threats and there are plenty of them. With the current invasion at the border the situation could become volatile. Put simply, we don't know who is coming into our State.

Elena King

Self

El Paso, TX

I support HB1238 (Biederman), HB1911 (White), HB1927 (Schaefer), and HB2900 (Hefner)

Tricia Bakonyi

Self - Event Manager

Austin, TX

My name is Tricia and I live in Austin, TX. I support the 2nd amendment, but I do believe permitless carry is dangerous. After consistent gun violence issues with both mass shootings and normal everyday gun violence, I believe we need to ensure those that do carry are actually responsible gun owners and have proper safety training. This is in the interest and safety of all Texans. Please OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

nelson dunn

self retired

arlington, TX

you need to support this bill

Steve Penrod

retired / self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

Donna Workman

Self

Weatherford, TX

Please support this bill

Anna Kroese

Self

Wimberley, TX

We are currently teetering on tyranny and our founding fathers recognized the importance of preserving certain rights in order to prevent our country from succumbing to such a fate. Our second amendment rights must be protected as our last barrier between freedom and tyranny. Every inch we give on this matter is one step closer to losing the right all together.

Roy Graham

Self, Collision shop owner

Temple, TX

In light of the growing changes happening in our country, I feel that it is important for the law abiding citizens of Texas to be able to provide personal protection to themselves and their families without any hinderence caused by bureaucratic injustices.

Susan G Moncrief

Self

Flatonia, TX

Please pass this pro-gun legislation

Virginia Day

The Post Newspaper

Texas City, TX

I want to make Texas a carrying state and not rid us of our 2nd Amendment rights.

Brandon Herrick

Self

Willis, TX

I support constitutional carry 100%! I have been waiting for nearly 60 days to receive my LTC after submitting all necessary paperwork and fees only to find out TxDps has lost my paperwork. After sending it in a second time, and waiting for 3 weeks, I was told my paperwork has not even been processed yet and still may have to wait 180 days from whenever the paperwork does get processed! I have a perfect record and no reason to be delayed for this long, as I'm sure plenty of others have as well! Constitutional carry should be adopted in Texas like many other states have!

Mackenzie Cooper

Self, mother/teacher

Nome, TX

Please do not support this unconstitutional restraint on our right to defend ourselves and our families.

Lea Palya
Self/school employee
Mckinney, TX

I oppose this bill.

Gaylon Beavers, Mr.
self/asset recovery specialist
Kempner, TX

I support this bill. Many states have already or are in the process of passing constitutional carry. Those states have not experienced increases in crime or chaotic violence in the streets. The legislation will only enable legal gun owners to equip themselves with the necessary tools to engage in the natural right of self-preservation. This bill will not just give legal gun owners back the right to carry a firearm for self-defense. It will also revive a trust between a government and it's people by revoking infringements on that right.

I have a LTC, but my wife doesn't enjoy that luxury. As a wife and a mother she doesn't have the time to jump through bureaucratic hoops to exercise a freedom granted to her at birth, nor do I have the ability to take time from work to make this happen. Instead she has been forced to be vulnerable in public places where criminals will carry a weapon whether it's legal or not. If it's this difficult to find time and money for her to obtain permission from the government to exercise her right, I couldn't imagine what a single mother or father must go through. For these reasons, in addition to many others, I support constitutional carry. Help Texas be a beacon of freedom in a world where governments treat their citizens like children. Help my family be safe when I'm not around. Help my wife protect herself and our children.

Elizabeth Michel
Self
Mckinney, TX

I strongly oppose this bill!!

Wesley Pratt, Retired
Texas citizen
Elkhart, TX

Please pass this bill it's long over due.

Jared Gilliam, Dr.
Self / Scientist
Houston, TX

In support of Texas Constitutional Firearm Carry for age 18+ and House bills HB 1238 &

In the past year, our nation has been rocked to its core in many major cities by protests, riots, arson, violence, and civil unrest. Twice in the past week, killers engaged in separate mass public murders in Atlanta, GA and Boulder, CO. Currently in 2021, there is an illegal immigration and safety crisis at our Texas border. During just the first week of March 2021, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol arrested 22 wanted fugitives at various entry points along the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas after these violent criminals had illegally breached our borders. In the city of Houston I hear gunfire weekly, sometimes nightly, less than one mile from my home.

These and other heinous crimes threaten the lives, liberties, and peace of good, innocent people in Texas. I know this fear personally, because I have had a gun pointed at me by a criminal while I was unarmed. Without law enforcement to protect me, I was my own first defender.

When our lives are threatened, it is a fundamental truth that we should be able to defend ourselves. Texans 18 years old and older should not have to ask the state for permission to carry a handgun. The Second Amendment of our United States Bill of Rights and our Texas Bill of Rights recognize our inalienable right to protect our very lives by carrying firearms and using force, if necessary. The Constitution provides for Texans the right to keep and bear arms. As such, Texas should immediately enact Constitutional Carry by recognizing the presupposition that the state has no power to oppress the rights of Texans by requiring additional firearm carry permits.

Studies have clearly demonstrated that:

- Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry.
- Around 94% of mass shootings since 1950 have occurred in places where ordinary, honest people were prohibited from carrying a gun for self-defense.
- Someone intent on causing harm will not obey a law or sign. “Gun-free” zones only make law-abiding citizens more vulnerable.
- A comprehensive 1985 study found that a majority of convicted felons were more afraid of encountering armed citizens than police and did not want to encounter those who carried a gun.

The concept of “justice” is not limited to the punishing an individual after their crime, but it also includes the ability for Texans to justly prevent crime. We wish to suppress injustice, and violence against the innocent is an injustice. Permits that oppress the rights of Texans does not solve an injustice; it merely creates another.

I have the right to self-defense. The ability to own and carry firearms in order to defend our very lives is not a privilege bestowed upon us by the crown, or by the president, or by Congress. Instead, we recognize that we were endowed with these rights as a birth right as free-born Americans and Texans.

Jared Gilliam, Ph.D.
Houston, TX

William Buhl
Self Retired
TEMPLE, TX

Protect our Second Amendment rights to own and carry firearms.

Stephen Murabito
4Temple Gun Club
Temple, TX

I have enjoyed the ability to feel protected and the protecting my family too. I hope and pray that you will keep up the good fight for us in the community.

Kelsey Crawford

Self

Allen, TX

I oppose this bill on grounds that it would increase gun violence and injury. Permits do not represent an excessive barrier, but rather a rational step in the possession of a firearm.

Mark Strand

Strand Excavating, Inc.

Kennedale, TX

It's time to implement constitutional carry. Do not let the government twist, pervert or end our 2nd amendment rights.

Michael Roberson

Self

Celina, TX

In light of the recent Alanta and Boulder shootings I can see the anti-gunners pushing for more gun control that would have not stopped either incident. I believe that people should feel empowered to carry a weapon and be able to do so without having to go through a lot of red tape. Criminals already do not mess with Texans as they know many carry weapons or have weapons in there homes. We should expand this to allow law abiding citizens who can legally carry a weapon to do so without all of the red tape. I support this bill and will support your decision to vote yes on this bill.

Daniel Robinson

Retired

Roanoke, TX

I support our right to own guns and Constitutional Carry of such weapons.

Paul Gani

Self

Bacliff, TX

No gun laws! NONE! If you come back with some nonsense about "OK then we will just do away with all laws even about stealing and speeding and assault." Please unfriend me or save me the trouble of blocking you. How can we justify regulating the length of a shotgun barrel? Who are we protecting from what? In 1921 you could get, delivered to your mailbox for the handsome sum of \$37.50 a 10 inch barreled shotgun in your choice of gage. The Ithaca Auto and Burglar was the perfect tool for close

quarters bad guy disposal. Who are we protecting by regulating that no round shall be over .50 caliber. How does limiting sound suppressors by punitively lengthy paperwork and high taxes protect anyone? Instead it should be required as a medical device to preserve peace, hearing and the tranquility of the great outdoors. Who is to tell me how many rounds I may possess to defend me, mine or yours for that matter. If only one person in that theater in Colorado had been properly armed and trained maybe there would have only been one death. My .50 Desert Eagle is New York compliant with a mag capacity of 7 rounds but my Walther P22 is not because it holds 10 rounds. Only a politician could screw something up that bad. How can the government justify dictating that one bullet is more bad than another. And about mag capacity, I'm rank amateur and I can replace an empty mag fast enough to make the entire argument irrelevant. Stand my ground? Who should tell me how far or how fast I must retreat on a bum knee before I'm justified stopping a threat coming at me or mine! Background checks? How many times has a criminal or wackjob been denied the purchase of a firearm because of a background check? I'll wager, not many. How many people have actually been prosecuted for making the application to purchase and supplying false answers? Zip, zero, nada, none! It's a felony and an easy bust if they need some arrest stats. Open carry? Concealed carry? What fool gave away his God given rights only to turn around and beg the state to get them back and pay for the privilege! A bad guy will always try to hide his gun, why should I be forced to do the same. If I properly conceal then it's no ones business, why do I need a permit to do something that you aren't even supposed to know I'm doing if done right. In my perfect world it would be no more strange to see a person with a firearm than it is to see someone with a cell phone. I'll bet more people are killed every year by the misuse of cell phones in traffic than AR-15 rifles. Dirtbags don't usually carry highly customized specialty guns in their daily routine and to date not one cop has been killed by the combination that the agency is claiming the ammo ban will protect us from. They can regulate drugs and industrial practices and traffic but there are no good gun laws.NO GUN LAWS!

Tim Kane, Mr.

Seld/retired

Tyler, TX

I support this bill because it removes the requirement that law abiding Texans purchase a permission slip from the state in order to exercise their God given right to self defense. The constitution says " . . .shall not be infringed." Most states do not require a "license"--why should we?

Stephen Dettweiler

Self

Haltom City, TX

This needs to pass considering the anti gun anti 2nd Amendment garbage that is going on right now in Washington

Manolito Guzman

Self - Network Analyst

Killeen, TX

I wish to express my full support of HB 1238.

Aaron Gist

Self, Trucker

Salado, TX

Protect our Constitutional Rights! This is of the utmost importance. Constitutional carry is a must for Texas.

Nancy Intrator

Self

McKinney, TX

I am opposed to this bill.

Doris Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I support this legislation.

My husband and I live on my family's cattle ranch in Gillespie County . Our ranch was purchased by my grandparents in 1902. Both my father and I grew up on this ranch. Gun ownership and their use is necessary in ranching. They help keep me and my family safe from snakes and wild animals such as feral hogs. Gun safety is also of utmost importance. All family members are taught safe care and handling of guns at a young age. They are also stored in a safe place well out of reach, in our case, of grandchildren.

If a person can legally possess a gun, then that person should also be able to carry a gun.

Ian Kress

Myself. Engineer.

Nassau Bat, TX

I would like to ask the Committee support this bill, and the other three relating to Constitutional Carry, where a legal gun owner needs no further government permission or license to carry a firearm for self-protection.

The Second Amendment of the Constitution grants us the right to keep and bear arms, the Militia aspect of this right having been decided by the Supreme Court in the Heller decision to be a reason for the right, not a requirement to exercise this right.

No other Constitutional right requires prior government permission, in the form of an issued license, to exercise. No license is required to read, write, or own books for example, or attend or conduct a religious service. Permission is not required to avoid unreasonable searches and seizures or excessive bail, to enjoy due process of law, or to have the right of a speedy trial. And among more recent Constitutional rights, certainly no permit is required to obtain an abortion.

And yet, half of the 2nd Amendment, the right to bear arms, has been relegated to a condition where prior government approval is needed to exercise this right.

Not only is this infringement incorrect from a Constitutional standpoint, it has real word effects on who is able to carry a handgun for self protection. My wife goes to the range with me, and enjoys shooting, but does not do it on her own. We usually go out and about together, and with my LTC, I would be able to protect us if needed. But she goes out on her own too, and without a LTC, she is unable to carry a firearm for self-protection. A change to Constitutional Carry would allow her the ability to defend herself if needed.

I've followed closely the progression of Texas' law concerning the right to carry a firearm for self protection, having transferred while in the Army to Ft. Hood in 1993, when this issue first garnered wide attention. The right to bear arms has, in 28 years, gone from one that earned a veto, and subsequent defeat of the offending Governor, to a Concealed Handgun License in 1995. Then onto Campus Carry to protect those attending college, and Open Carry in 2015.

Moving to Constitutional Carry in this Session is the next proper step, one that both fully incorporates the 2nd Amendment to the same level of respect as other Constitutional rights, and allows for all legal gun owners who may need to carry a firearm for self-protection, to do so. Please pass Constitutional Carry from this Committee, and onto the full House.

Sherri Reed
Myself
Rockdale, TX

I support 1238!

Barbara Tubb
self
Parker, TX

Please support HB1238 with no compromising amendments or delays.

Jeff Adams
Self, corporate counsel
Dripping Springs, TX

This is a dumb and dangerous bill. In this age of ever-increasing gun violence, I will vote against anyone who supports unrestricted, or even relaxed, gun rights and will encourage my family, friends, coworkers, associates, and general passers-by on the street to do the same.

<https://www.theonion.com/no-way-to-prevent-this-says-only-nation-where-this-r-1819576527>

Kathryn-Alizabeth Baker
Self, clerk
Fort Worth, TX

Shall not be infringed is ever so clear & its long passed due that Americans have the right to bear their arms without their God given right being infringed upon by the nanny state. An armed society is a polite society!

Judy Williams, Mrs.
Self, Insurance agent, Reading Tutor
Decatur, TX

HB 1238 relating to Constitutional Carry Laws

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution, as well as Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution, does not convey a right to Texans, but rather documents a natural right that we are given by the Almighty to protect ourselves from each other, and most importantly from the Government. Texans have the right to defend themselves, on and off their property, regardless of whether they have a license in their pocket, or not.
Thank you.

John Tongate

--None--

Austin, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation

Tiffanie Andersen

Self and family

Lewisville, TX

I would love to come testify to support this bill but a forced Medical procedure stands in the way of using my rights to petition the court and peacefully assemble.

So I support constitutional carry as does my husband, and 45 other family members.

Melissa Knight

Self, Artist, Contract Worker

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 1238. I urge you to vote NO on this bill and help keep Texans safe. This bill is dangerous and reckless. The bottom line is that permitless carry legislation would allow people to carry handguns, openly or concealed, in public places without a permit, criminal history check, or safety training, essentially dismantling Texas's system of responsible gun ownership. Texas's handgun permitting system ensures that only responsible gun owners can carry handguns in public. Permitless carry would remove these safeguards and allow carry by people who currently cannot get a permit such as violent criminals. Emerging data shows that states that have passed permitless carry legislation are experiencing a substantial increase in gun violence. Laws that weaken a state's firearm permitting system have been a precursor to permitless carry legislation, and a substantial body of research shows that these laws have led to a rise in gun violence and violent crime more broadly.

For me personally open carry is unsettling and scary and makes me and my family feel very unsafe. Permitless carry takes this to a whole other level. Please VOTE NO on this and other bills SB 540, HB 1587, and SJR 24 Carrying a Loaded Handgun in Public With No Permit and No Training. I would like to be able to go to the grocery store, to the movies, for my son to go to school, for us all to be able to be safe in our communities. VOTE NO. Vote to protect everyone in our community. NO NO NO to HB 1238.

Geary Watson

Self

Runaway Bay, TX

God gives us the right to carry a side arm for protection, not the government.

Lee Duncan

Self

Rockwall, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Rebekah Grubisic

Self

Frisco, TX

I am against permitless carry. This will only increase the chances of people being killed with guns!

Nathan Rodriguez, Mr.

Self

Lubbock, TX

I support this bill, Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. The majority of states do not require a license to carry a handgun in some form (open or concealed). 32 states recognize the right of anyone who can legally possess firearms to carry a handgun, openly in public, without having to obtain a permit. 18 of those states recognize the right to carry concealed without a permit. It is already legal to carry in Texas, by legal gun owners, a rifle or shotgun in public without a permit.

Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away, but does not stop criminals who are already determined to break the law.

Violent crime rates generally go down within the five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry according to US News "Safest States in 2019" article. Five out of the top 10 safest states were Constitutional Carry States(Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Wyoming, and Idaho)

Probably the most astonishing fact is throughout much of American history there is compelling evidence that racism underlies gun control laws. In 1907 Texas passed a "Saturday Night Special" economic handgun ban. Which placed "extremely heavy business and/or transactional taxes" on the sale of handguns in an attempt "to put handguns out of the reach of blacks and poor whites." ("Gun Control: White Man's Law," William R. Tonso, Reason, December 1985). This example of legislation can be found in many states throughout history.

It is time to get rid of the requirement of a license for the right to self defense and equality.

Kelly Wilson, Dr.

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation." You can repeat this action multiple times to be connected with different members of the committee.

Kaela Thompson, Ms.

Young Americans for Liberty

San marcos, TX

I am a 20 year old female college student that wishes to emphasize the importance of passing this legislation to ensure the safety of all students on and off campus, as well as the American people as a whole.

William Cooke

self

AURORA, TX

I support HB 1238. It is essential for the preservation of our freedom

Deborah Kahn

None

San Antonio, TX

As a resident of Texas and a physician I know that expanding the ability of unlicensed people to carry firearms is dangerous. I am against this bill.

Takami Franklin

Self - Commercial Cleaner

San Marcos, TX

I support this bill

Anthony Blair

Rep.self

Blossom, TX

I support this bill my body my choice

Chris Edmiston

Self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT HB-1238

Constitutional Carry will increase public safety by helping to increase the number of people that can respond to a threat immediately where every second counts.

I feel that this is one of the best bills of it's kind.

I like that the eligibility requirements are clear - if I can own it, I can carry it. A first time gun owner may have taken time to become proficient and well practiced with their firearm, but may not know all of the eligibility requirements. Additionally, many of these requirements are duplicates of legal ownership requirements and as such aren't necessary to call out separately.

I also like that it has fewer prohibited places than the other bills. This primarily will lead to those places being safer.

Benjamin Ruttenberg

Self; Lawyer

San Antonio, TX

Speaking not only as a private citizen, but also as a former district court prosecutor for the State of Texas, the legislative changes proposed by HB 1238 are woefully inadequate. Imagining awarding a would be court-room, office, or school shooter a class C misdemeanor - the equivalent of a speeding ticket - merely because they were caught before they could pull the trigger. That's what this legislation proposes. The citizens of Texas have no interest in returning to the gun-slinging wild-west, with a holster and a gun on every cowboy's hip. This notion is anathema to civilized society, and the fact that I even need to write this to my state legislators in 2021, on the eve of yet another set of tragic mass shootings, saddens, angers, and disgusts me. Your goal should be to promulgate legislation that fosters a sense of safety and well-being among the citizens of this state, not enact thoughtless, childish fantasies that appeal to baser human instincts. Throw this legislation in a metal trashcan and burn it.

Patrick Pratt J.r., Foreman

Gun owner

Troy, TX

I agree to this bill but I do suggest some kind of training with the handgun they choose to carry. I support a handgun license course.

Jeffrey Proulx

self software engineer

Fort Worth, TX

I support this bill as I do think it allows for individual protection when necessary without fear of prosecution for lack of a permit. I do know that situations can happen as some of my friends personally know the man who stopped the church shooter in White Settlement. I am a prior Marine and have been around many ranges in the DFW area and have always found people to be largely responsible and courteous with a generous respect for the handling of firearms. I do not think the lack of a requirement of a permit would cause anyone to behave any differently. I do think this would allow for people who live in areas where they may fear for their safety to carry the tools to defend themselves without worry that they would be criminalized themselves.

Jay Smith

Self

Paige, TX

Please support HB1238 and HB 2900!

Allison Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I am in favor of HB 1238. I know Texas prides itself in saying "Remember the Alamo" to state that fact that we were fighting for

Freedom. So as a Freedom loving state we should have constitutional in the state of Texas. Texas should have been leading the constitutional carry gun rights as we like to say "Come and Take It" meaning I dare you. There are a majority of other states that have lead the charge and have gone to a permitless carry. After going permitless carry they have seen a decrease in the murder rate. I believe we should do constitutional carry and let Texans be Texans or is the legislature saying that we Texans are inherently criminal or country bumpkins and can't be trusted with constitutional carry because you think we're going to be the wild Wild West. Law abiding citizens who have the right to purchase a fire should be able to and carry it with them at all time for protection. When I think of why we should be allowed to constitutional carry. I think back to when my daughter was 19 years old and worked nights at a mall store and she'd walk out to her car alone and she could only protect herself pepper spray and a Kbar knife which didn't make her feel as safe and empowered. She needed to be able to equalize herself against a predator by being able to legally carry a firearm. As a proud Native Texan I want to send the message loud and clear to criminals not in my state you will have the opportunity to run ruff shot. As we know criminals don't care about laws as they get their guns on the black market. The other reason I want Texas to pass this is as a black women I want the message to be sent that we won't let history repeat itself. After the Civil War during the Reconstruction Period where Republicans thought having Gun laws would curb crime and then shortly after the Democrats took over and Jim Crow laws made it difficult for people of color to possess a firearm and we know how that turned out. I believe that the Constitution should be my permit to carry.

Bob Small, Mr.

self

Franklin, TX

Please pass Constitutional Carry

Sarah Bell

Self/Retired

McKinney, TX

I am opposed to permitless carry. I have no desire to live in a shooting gallery.

Anthony Vardilos

Self/ rd construction

Hempstead, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays!

Susan Pollard

self

Porter, TX

I am asking you to oppose this bill as it would do away with licensing, required training and a background check to obtain and carry a gun. Permitless carry encourages irresponsible gun ownership, allows those who should not have gun to now legally carry one and puts us all at risk. Research has shown that states that have enacted permitless carry see an increase in gun homicides. There is no reason to do away with training and licensing to have a gun. Guns are capable of great damage and it makes no sense to take away the safeguards that are currently in place. In the strongest possible terms I ask that you oppose this bill.

Russell Payne

SELF

Terrell, TX

I support this bill

Dave Waites

Self

Anna, TX

This is our constitutional right

Charles Craig

Self Business Management

Little Elm, TX

I implore all Texas Representatives to support the constitutional carry bills. Our rights as citizens are protected by the 2nd Amendment but have been curtailed by various laws and provisions. These bills seek to right that wrong and restore to Texans those liberties for which our forefathers gave so much. Please do your duty as they have done theirs and uphold our liberties.

Suzi Nelson

Self, Auditor

Austin, TX

Permitless Carry bills will cost Texas both money and lives. States such as Arizona and Alaska have seen increases in aggravated assaults with a gun since enacting permitless carry. As a Texas citizen, I do not feel comfortable with the idea of untrained individuals carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. Current Texas permitting procedures exclude both violent criminals and the chemically dependent. These safeguards should remain.

A.J. Mitchell

Self

Lorena, TX

I support this bill, because as a law abiding citizen I should be allowed to protect myself and my family. It's a God given right and I should be allowed to carry any equalizer against "CRIMINAL'S" who wish to do me, my family, or my fellow Texan harm.

Michael Heyman

Self - Attorney

Houston, TX

I support this bill first and foremost because both our federal and Texas constitutions recognize and guarantee the God-given right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

I also support this bill because the current licensing requirement to legally carry a handgun effectively disarms a very large and growing number of Texans. For example, it unfairly burdens the ability of law-abiding, economically disadvantaged Texans to defend themselves. This disparate impact upon one of our fundamental rights - not privileges - is itself unconstitutional.

Similarly, the current licensing scheme endangers many of our most vulnerable citizens such as the elderly and disabled by denying them the means to effectively defend themselves against violent crime.

What's more, the current licensing scheme does nothing to stop violent criminals from carrying and using guns against honest, law-abiding Texans. Violent criminals such as gang members and street thugs have no regard for either the dignity of human life or the rights of others. They are cowards who callously prey on those whom they perceive to be weak, defenseless targets.

This is unconscionable.

Furthermore, studies have consistently shown that violent crime rates generally go down within five years after a state enacts constitutional carry. Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho).

This bill will go a long way toward making Texas one of the safest states in America, and should be enacted into law.

GABRIEL PARRA

SELF, ANALYST

DALLAS, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jonathan Hundley

self

Taylor, TX

I support this bill. I've learned evil happens and we do not get to choose when or where. Based on that fact I carry everywhere I'm legally allowed 100% of the time. I limit going into gun free zones but there are still times I have to go to school events and can't carry. My wife says she hates when that happens because she feels less safe. A gun is a tool I'm trained and prepared to use to defend the life of the people I love, myself, and innocent people around me. I hope and pray I'll never be in a situation that calls for me to use that tool. I like this bill because it removes the language about Texas License To Carry and allows anyone legally allowed to own a firearm to carry that firearm. I shouldn't have to pay the government a fee to carry a tool I use to protect life.

As of May 5 2021 there will be 18 states that have constitutional carry. Those states are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota (residents only and concealed carry only), Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah (as of May 5, 2021), Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming (residents only). Hopefully Tennessee will join that list this month and Texas this year. I remember seeing news reports stating there would be blood in the streets, the wild wild west, and warzones with people being allowed to carry handguns. That has never happened and looking at the 18 states that allow constitutional carry I haven't heard any news reports of those states becoming blood baths.

Jon Jezek

Self

Fort Worth, TX

It is time we join the other states that have elected to restore the freedoms that were given to us by God and enumerated in the constitution.

Gary James, Mr
self machinist retired
Fort worth, TX

Pass this bill. Especially in these times !!!

Laura Sherwood, Mrs.
self/educator
McKinney, TX

I believe it would be dangerous to allow people to carry handguns, openly or concealed, in public places without a permit, background check, or safety training. Just as we do not allow people to operate a motor vehicle without a driver's license, we should not allow individuals to carry firearms without requiring a permit, background check, or safety training. I believe this measure poses a risk to public safety, and I do not support it.

Tad Preston
self
Frisco, TX

I am in support of HB 1238. Our country is becoming more dangerous every day especially with what is happening at our border and law abiding citizens need a way to defend themselves. The Second Amendment is our God given right to bear arms to protect ourselves and our families. By allowing people who are not prohibited by state or federal law from purchasing a firearm to be able to carry that same weapon will allow the citizens of our great state to protect themselves. It will also give notice to criminals that there are more people out there that can defend themselves so don't mess with us. By not requiring the lengthy process and high cost that is currently in place to obtain a license to carry will allow more people to carry especially those that live in poorer neighborhoods and it will make them safer. The answer to gun violence is to allow more law abiding citizens to carry a firearm and this bill lowers the barriers to do that. We already have a constitutional mandate to allow us to carry a gun, now it's time for Texas to recognize that.

Kyle Shafer
Self, Business Development Director
ALEDO, TX

I support this bill. Criminals will always violate laws. Those criminals who wish to own a gun and cause harm will always do so regardless of any laws that are in place. We all benefit by good law abiding people carrying firearms. The more laws that prohibit and/or prevent good people from carrying firearms places us all at greater risk of being defenseless when criminals wish to harm us.

David Neal
Self

Montgomery, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Elvia Leyva

none

Houston, TX

I'm all for constitutional carry but more than anything else what is needed now is a bill to protect Texans from the current federal administration's attempt to undermine in any way shape or form our constitutional second amendment. There has to be codified into Texas Law for posterity that there will be no way now or in the future for any authority of any kind to undermine, restrict, or do away with the 2nd Amendment, or deprive or restrict Texans in any way shape or form from exercising their right to carry and own firearms.

Kathy Ponce

Ellis County GOP and True Texas Project Ellis County

Maypearl, TX

Texas is no longer leading in Constitutional Rights for Texans. We currently are #29 in Gun Right ranking in the country . We have 18 other states ahead of us in passing Constitutional Carry laws. Critics of this bill will continue to argue that permit less carry makes it easier for criminals to obtain firearms and more dangerous for citizens and law enforcement. That is simply not true. Four of the safest states in the country have Constitutional Carry (Idaho, Main, New Hampshire, and Vermont). . The crime rate has been shown to go down drastically in states that implement Constitutional Carry within the first 5 years. Many will say that the training classes will be non-existent if CC passes. Again it has been proven that responsible adults will still take training classes to better equip themselves in the handling of firearms. CC also allows for minorities to better achieve protection for themselves and their families by doing away with the licensing process that can often times be difficult. No one should have to seek permission or seek a license to to exercise their Constitutional right to Keep and Bear Arms. I urge the Committee to pass Constitutional Carry and allow the citizens of Texas the right to have a floor vote on this very pertinent issue.

Lisa Higgins

Self

Austin, TX

This bill is the height of absurdity. You cannot drive a car or get a book from the library, but you can carry a gun? Absurd and antithetical to the concern for safety which your website claims you care so much about. More guns to do make us more safer. Women in Texas are 24% more likely to be murdered with a gun than women in other states.

In 2019, at least 32 Texan children ages 0-17 died in unintentional shootings.

These are just a few of the statistics that if you took the time to actually study instead of political grandstanding, you might understand that putting more guns into the hands of people who are not trained, not licensed, and therefore do not have the proper respect for such a powerful weapon is dangerous, irresponsible, and antithetical to serving the public.

Harold Parkey

Everytown for Gun Safety

FORT WORTH, TX

I am a Vietnam Veteran (US Army 69-71) and I am against permitless carry. It's like this, we are a nation awash in guns and gun violence. It is why law enforcement personnel have to show up at calls assuming that they are going to be met with armed resistance. The easy availability of weapons just feeds into the toxic masculinity of disturbed individuals. Permitless carry will only make it worse.

Texas, like most states, currently requires completion of a firearm safety course before a person can get a permit to carry a handgun—known in Texas as a License to Carry (LTC). Importantly, this training involves the live firing of a gun. Safety training ensures that permit holders are aware of responsible practices for handling and carrying guns in public.

Permitless carry legislation would allow people to carry handguns, openly or concealed, in public places without a permit, criminal history check, or safety training, dismantling Texas's system of responsible gun ownership.

States that have weakened or eliminated law enforcement authority to deny permits to people who pose a danger have experienced an 11 percent increase in handgun homicide rates⁶ and a 13-15 percent increase in violent crime rates. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Cory Rekoﬀ, Deputy

Self

Texas City, TX

I support this bill being passed.

Andrew Fahey

Self

DRIFTWOOD, TX

As an active NRA member and instructor, I agree with this bill and hope that it moves forward. We have a constitutional right to be able to own guns and that should be applied to carry them as well. Please consider this comment as my whole-hearted approval for this bill.

Courtney Petersen

Self Mental Health Therapist

Austin, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation. Emerging data shows that states that have passed permitless carry laws have a substantial increase in gun violence. Only responsible and trained Texans should be allowed to carry guns in public and can demonstrate this responsibly by having a permit. Not requiring training for someone to carry a gun in public puts us and our children at an increased risk of gun violence and endangers our safety.

Mark Browning

Self/IT Analyst

Frisco, TX

I strongly support HB 1238; one of four Constitutional Carry bills to be heard. It is my God-given right to protect myself, family,

friends, and all people that I come in contact with on a daily basis; this is my responsibility as a legally-armed citizen. As a current LTC permit holder, it is utterly ridiculous and totally unacceptable that I have to pay a fee to carry my firearm outside of my home and vehicle. Criminals don't obey laws, hence why they are called criminals; they are already carrying weapons, whatever, and whenever they choose. The only people hurt by the LTC requirement are law-abiding citizens. Why would you want to prevent law-abiding citizens from being able to carry freely and provide that extra level of security? No further explanation or points need to be made, as this bill should overwhelmingly pass the committee, and begin the process of becoming a law in Texas. It's time, way past time for that matter, for Texas to join the many other states in becoming a Constitutional Carry state.

William Butcher

self

Bryan, TX

Age training and licensing requirements for the right to carry a firearm are antiquated remnants of an age of discrimination and limits on the rights of Texans. It is time that these were all retired. Texans should not have to ask the state for permission to exercise their God-given rights. None of these requirements facilitate public safety as criminals don't care about the laws and the requirements. These requirements are also a barrier to exercising the rights of the poor as the training and licensing costs money. One should never be priced out of their rights. Four of the five safest states in the country are Constitutional carry states where licensing is not required. Everyday citizens wishing to protect themselves have to wait for their permission slip to be granted by the state when criminals just do what they want with no respect for any law regardless of the number of laws passed. People who have escaped an abusive relationship may want to protect themselves, but they have to wait for the permission slip. These Jim-Crow era laws should be ended. Pass Constitutional Carry today.

Edgar Weatherly

N/A

Garrison, TX

Pass this common sense bill!

Emanuel Katzin

self

Houston, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB1238, HB1911, HB1927 and HB2900. As a long time Texan, I appreciate responsible gun ownership. But as a 91 year old man, I've seen way too many people dying by gun in our own state and nation. We don't look like other countries when it comes to this. It has broken my heart to see so many mass shootings here in Texas. These recent ones in Atlanta and Boulder remind me of every one we have experienced here - from Santa Fe to Sutherland Springs to police officers killed in Dallas at a protest to El Paso and Midland. When I see lawmakers weakening or outright eliminating training and licensing requirements I am stunned and saddened. We should be looking at ways to encourage people to store guns responsibly and improve background check systems - not weaken our current safeguards or get rid of them. I'm begging Texas lawmakers to help me and so many I know who care about this issue. Thank you.

Jonathan Waggoner

Self, self employed

Santa fe, TX

Honestly, I dont give two shits about a God damn law. I'm going to carry regardless because the criminal trying to take my life ain't gonna have a chance. If you think some law prevents them, I'm not letting your law prevent me from self defense. In other words, constitutional carry, or bust. We are going to do it anyway because breathing is better than not! FAFO!!!!

Naomi Narvaiz, SREC SD21

Republican Party of Texas

San Marcos, TX

Greetings Committee Chair and Members, I am writing in support of House Bill 1238. We are living in perilous times and we are witnessing calls for first responders whose jobs are to aid, assist, and help us; to be de-funded. As a legal citizen of the United States with constitutional rights, I am asking that you remove any hindrance or infringement from our God given, natural right of defense and pass legislation that will allow law abiding citizens the ability to defend our selves, families and property if the time comes that a criminal would attempt to bring us harm. The idea that laws will stop criminals is absurd. When laws are passed; it is the law abiding citizen whose hands are tied. The key to assuring that our communities are safe from tragedy is to introduce gun safety education in schools and the business community. Thank you for your consideration. I trust that you will put great thought and seek wise counsel on this decision and vote yes.

Melissa Butcher

self

Bryan, TX

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Fernando Perez

self

Brownsville, TX

I support this bill, HB 1238. It is the right of every American and Texan to bear arms or carry firearms because the right is recognized by the 2nd amendment. This right is being infringed. I currently have a busy work week. I work odd hours and do not have an opportunity to enroll and attend a LTC class. I know this is the case for many Texans as well. Everyday when I leave my home I wonder if today is the day I'm going to face a serious threat and not have a gun on me to protect myself. Recent events like those in Colorado and in Georgia are proof that the possibility of a serious threat in public places is very real. I do not want laws passed during the Jim Crow era to stop me or other Texans from defending ourselves. Lastly, I believe constitutional carry laws are good for public safety. They have been shown to lower crime rates.

Mark Buser

Self

Joshua, TX

It is an Americans right according to the constitution and the second amendment to allow constitutional carry the protection of self, family, and others if need be including law-enforcement

Eric Roquet

Self, College student

College Station, TX

Citizens of the United States have the right to keep and bear arms. This constitutionally protected right is infringed by the current overreaching Texas carry laws. As a college student, I ask you to protect and defend the constitution. Pass HB 1238.

Yesenia Puentes

Self

Carrollton, TX

I support this bill and I urge you to vote yes for constitutional carry. It's important that our constitutional right is not infringed upon.

Shelly Carter

Self/Paralegal

Frisco, TX

Thank you

dee Binder

myself

Weatherford, TX

Even neighboring Oklahoma and Arkansas have Constitutional Carry as law of the land, yet law-abiding Texans are being forced to beg for government permission to protect themselves and their loved ones

Michele Thompson

self, retired

Austin, TX

Protect our second amendment rights. Constitution of United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992), "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Pass permit-less, Constitutional Carry and allow our citizens to protect themselves.

Maggie Stern

Children's Defense Fund - Texas

Austin, TX

My name is Maggie Stern and I am the Youth Civic Education and Engagement Coordinator at the Children's Defense Fund – Texas. I am writing to express CDF-Texas' opposition to four bills (HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, and HB 2900) that would endanger Texans by allowing individuals to carry handguns without a license, background check, or safety training. All four eliminate these safety commonsense measures that protect Texas children and youth from gun violence. Children's Defense Fund – Texas urges lawmakers to protect our children by opposing these bills.

CDF's annual State of American Children reports that one child or teenager was killed by a gun every 2 hours and 34 minutes in 2017, including 346 youth in Texas. Gun violence was the leading cause of death for Black children and teens. Over the entire year, the number of children and teenagers killed by guns would have filled 170 classrooms. Young people who were injured by guns would have filled another 850 classrooms – and we cannot begin to calculate the number of rooms required for the survivors of gun violence who experience lifelong trauma and other long-term effects.

After most tragedies we hear survivors say things like “I never thought this would happen to me.” Gun violence is different. Every American who grew up in this country over the past several decades grew up knowing that someday we will be victims of gun violence. We walk into movie theaters, supermarkets, and classrooms and identify the safest exit. We wave our children off to school and hold our breath until they arrive home. We care for friends struggling through depression, hoping today is not the day they go out and buy a gun with the intent of harming themselves. We wonder which of our loved ones will be murdered by a violent partner who has a gun that makes it that much more likely that their violence will be deadly. 41 percent of gun-related homicides and 94 percent of gun-related suicides would not happen without easy access to guns.

Permitless carry will result in more preventable deaths, injuries, and trauma – much of it targeted against communities of color and Black and brown children. Other states that have weakened gun permitting have seen an 11 percent increase in handgun homicide rates and a 13 to 15 percent increase in violent crimes. The Second Amendment call for “well regulated” gun policy must include licensing, background checks, and safety trainings that will literally save lives, just as we regulate other dangerous goods and activities to protect innocent bystanders from harm. There is no one more innocent than the children who will face death, injury, and trauma every day in a state with unregulated access to guns.

No more classrooms full of murdered children. We cannot recover from the COVID-19 pandemic just to return to the norm of the American gun violence epidemic. Children's Defense Fund – Texas urges representatives to vote against House Bills 1238, 1911, 1927, and 2900.

Hugh Swanzy, Jr.

self, retired

Garrison, TX

I support this bill and I'm asking you to vote yes on supporting HB1238.

The 2nd Amendment is part of the original 10 Bill Of Rights that was added to the Constitution by our Founding Fathers to protect We the People from foreign and domestic threats, especially from our own government. Giving constitutional carry back to the People of Texas will be a start to restoring our 2nd Amendment back to where our Framers of the Constitution intended it to be.

With the two terrible shootings happening in the past few days, I think constitutional carry will keep us and our families safer in our everyday lives. We need this bill passed to keep us safe until law enforcement can respond. God Bless and Stay Strong!

Sincerely,

Hugh Swanzy, Jr.

John Davis

Self retired

SHALLOWATER, TX

I fully support this bill and urge you all to get HR 1238 passed.

Joe Townsend

Self

Marshall, TX

I am in favor of this "constitutional carry" bill. It's time for Texas to stop lagging behind in recognizing the full liberties guaranteed in the Second Amendment. I urge my representatives in the Legislature to vote YES for HR 1238.

Lisa Albracht

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose permit-less carry. Responsible gun owners believe in responsible gun laws. I also have a permit to drive and auto insurance is required. Do you propose we do away with driver training and auto registration and insurance? Gun ownership should require a permit, registration, and insurance.

Renee La Rue, Ms.

self, retired

Conroe, TX

Don't we have enough shootings of innocent people without making it easier for ANYONE to get a gun without background checks or training? I'm fed up with hearing about the right for everyone to have a gun for any reason whatsoever. Let's use some common sense in regard to this issue!

Richard Hamilton, Mr.

Self

Tx, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Cindy Gaskill

Self

Magnolia, TX

I am for HB 1238. I am a responsible gun owner who has a gun for self defense. I am praying for the victims of the recent shootings and can only think...if only one of those persons in Boulder or Atlanta had a gun with them, they could have stopped the carnage. The only way to stop a bad person (who never obey laws) with a gun is a good guy or gal with a gun. This bill will ensure our second amendment right to bear arms is not infringed upon and will allow responsible gun owners like me to safely have a gun on my person in case it is needed in an extreme event. Thank you for your time.

Brent McCain
self - paramedic
Bruceville, TX

I am testifying IN FAVOR of HB 1238. It is my belief that if one can legally purchase a gun, they should not have to beg for the government masters permission to carry a handgun. There are a number of states where unlicensed carry of a firearm is permitted in one way or another. Many of those states are some of the safest states in the U.S. In fact, I have a co-working I spoke with just yesterday from Maine who says their crime rate has dropped significantly. I would like to thank the committee and Chairman White for allowing me to submit my testimony.

W.T. Dameron
self
Colleyville, TX

The right to carry a firearm big or small should not be limited to only those who's wallets are big enough or connected enough to people who can pull strings. We should not define who is "good" enough to lawfully carry a firearm on their person based on whether or not they can purchase a laminated card after unnecessarily paying for the opportunity to show off simple firearm and law knowledge every firearm owner has. This is awfully close to paying to take a test on how to properly vote as well as paying a poll tax, paying like it's a PRIVILEGE and not a RIGHT everyone has. This is the dark truth know to everyone whether they ignore it or put it in the back of their minds, and the other truth is not having a the little card will stop anyone, good or bad people can carry their firearms around well enough where most people would never even know. Nothing stops those who do criminal acts with or without firearms and nothing stops strong willed, good people from carrying a firearm to simply just shopping in a grocery store with their family & friends, nothing short of dystopian checkpoints and pat downs. The ones most affected are those who slowly purchase carry firearms for defense and those those more worried about the law ruining their life than threats to their life! If that's how the government likes to be seen then at least state it out loud to the public, "Fear what we would do to you more than threats to your life!".

To reiterate in short: I believe everyone has the right to constitutional carry, nothing should or could stop the people from carrying be it the inability to afford the privilege of approvement from governing powers in the form of a card or the fear of lacking said card.

Alethia Hernandez
EPISD
El Paso, TX

I oppose permit less carry.

Christopher Reitsma
self
Wichita Falls, TX

I am against permitless carry as is most republican voters in Texas (check the stats).. This is not something most republican voters want. The system we have in place now insures that people who are going to carry a loaded handgun in public has basic safe handling skills, learned the laws and passed a background check. The license to carry program is now easy and cheap (only \$40 for a 5 year license). Anyone who wants to carry a gun in public can take a 4 hour safety class. (4 hours is the state min required)..

Every state that has permitless carry is a RURAL state, no heavily populated state has permitless carry. The second amendment

applies to the federal government and it says (well regulated), it is not intended to allow anyone to carry without regulations and it gives the states the right to regulate the wearing of arms in the state. The license to carry program we have IS constitutional. I am a republican who owns many firearms and I carry every single day.... Please don't allow people with NO safe handling training to carry. Thank you for your time.....

Michael Burdick
Fredericksburg Tea Party
Fredericksburg, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Citizens can already openly carry your long gun (shotgun or rifle) in Texas without a permit.

But if you try to carry a handgun open or concealed without a permit in Texas, we're made a criminal!

What nonsense!

It's time politicians in Austin put an end to this disparity between long guns and handguns by passing true Constitutional Carry legislation!

Eighteen states already have Constitutional Carry laws on the books, with Montana and Utah joining the ranks earlier this year. Even neighboring Oklahoma and Arkansas have Constitutional Carry as law of the land, yet law-abiding Texans are being forced to beg for government permission to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Texas is even trailing behind liberal Northeastern states like Maine and New Hampshire when it comes to Constitutional Carry. There is absolutely NO reason law-abiding Texans should have less freedom than neighboring states...

Susan Dantzler
Self
Harper, TX

I support this bill. Texas has fallen far behind other states that trust their residents that can legally purchase a gun being able to carry without purchasing a permit from our State. As someone who's life changed after her dad was murdered while in The Army and station at Ft. Hood, I want more Texans armed. I do not want more gun control. Gun control only keeps law abiding out of the hands good people. We all know that criminals will always find a way to get a gun. They will not abide by any gun control you pass. States that have passed permitless carry have seen the statistical lowering of violent crime. When open carry was passed I ultimately applied and finished all the requirements to get my LTC. It took 6 months to get my license. I could not get any assistance from DPS when inquiring about the delay. It was not until I wrote Governor Abbott that my LTC came in the mail a week later. I was concerned about my safety every time I went somewhere. I had to leave my gun in my car. As soon as I stepped from my vehicle I became a potential victim. There is overwhelming support for constitutional across Texas. I pray our Homeland Security committee will pass this bill.

Jenny Hoffart
Self
Lexington, TX

I support this bill.

Richard Hatten

Self

Temple, TX

I support the freedom to carry and posses firearms.

Wayne and Rhonda Davidson

ourselves/teacher and court clerk respectively

El Paso, TX

We overwhelmingly support this bill! Although we both are LTC holders, we haven't always had the provisions to pay the fees and take the classes required to acquire the license. Anyone in Texas, has the constitutional right to protect themselves, their property and their families and should not be denied that right because they cannot afford to pay the fees to do so. This bill would make it legal for a single struggling mom who doesn't live or work in the best part of town, works a night shift or swing shift and is an easy target to protect herself form thieves, rapists and the like. Please restore our constitutional right to protect ourselves regardless of our means to do so and put Texas up there where we should have been all along...leading the pack on Gun Rights!

Kathleen Brennan

Self Retired Educator

Pearland, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation

Wesley St.John

Myself

Granbury, TX

I support constitution carry for anyone who can lawfully & responsibly carry a firearm for protection of myself, family & others as needed.

James Ware

Self Gas Station Attendant

Selma, TX

I am testifying in support of HB 1238. This bill is a step in the right direction toward the restoration of Texans' Second Amendment Right.

Texas was the first state to ban the carry of handguns in 1871, during the Reconstruction Period after the Civil War. The measure was inherently racist, as many feared that newly-freed slaves might retaliate against their former masters by using a handgun. In its 176 years since statehood, Texas passed no such similar legislation prohibiting its citizens from carrying long guns in public.

In 1995, legislation was passed in Texas creating the Concealed Handgun License (CHL) program. Prior efforts to create such a program were met with stiff resistance from the Democratic Party, including former Democratic Texas Governor Ann Richards. Former Republican Governor George W. Bush later signed a similar bill into law, in which a person must apply for a permit and pay fees to carry a handgun legally in Texas.

In 2015, another important piece of legislation was passed and signed by Republican Governor Greg Abbott, enabling Texans to open carry their handguns in Texas. There were lots of naysayers then, claiming that Texas would “return to the Wild West” and that there would be shootouts everywhere. That hasn’t happened. In fact, the opposite has happened, with Texas License to Carry (LTC) license holders committing fewer crimes than law enforcement officers statewide, according to statistics published by the Texas DPS. Citizens who carry handguns under this program are very responsible. Texas currently has approximately 1.5 million license holders, which is second only to the state of Florida.

When Republican Governor Greg Abbott was campaigning for his first term as Governor in 2014, he published material stating that “The gun control debate was settled... in 1791.” This statement refers to the passage of the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution on December 15, 1791. He further stated that if the Texas Legislature were to pass a Constitutional Carry bill that made it to his desk, that he would sign such a bill into law.

It is time for Texas to join the 18 or more states that have enacted Constitutional Carry legislation. Texas citizens deserve the right to carry a handgun without applying for a permit and paying a fee to do so. There are no other Constitutional Rights that require a citizen to pay a fee to freely exercise that right.

There has never been a time in history when the public had a greater need to be armed than today. Women are the fastest-growing segment of our population that feel the need to be able to protect themselves and their families. Making the handgun license optional would be a step in the right direction toward the restoration of our Second Amendment Right in Texas.

I pray that this committee will see the importance of this historic bill and send it to the floor of the Texas House of Representatives. Thank you for considering my testimony.

James Ware
Native Texan

Daniel Dia
Self
Fort worth, TX

Please allows texans to carry a firearm without having to ask for permission. This is Texas right? We shouldn't even be having tbis conversation

Enrique Lemus
Enrique Lemus
San Antonio, TX

When the current president opened the board flood gates, everyone knows that it is a matter of time when illegal criminals start to attack our American loved ones. Our brothers in blue cannot always be everywhere to protect us. The US president will not protect us, only enable criminals to set them free so that they can do it again. Please approve our free right to protect our families. Why would anyone try to hinder our GOD given right unless they have an agenda to control us free Americans like they did our Native brothers and sisters who didn't have to cross any borders. The fate to protect Texas families is in your hands, remember what happened in El Paso, if more Americans had the right conceal carry at that time, we would not have lost so many folks at the Walmart.

Huntly Dantzler Sr.
Self

Harper, TX

I support this bill. If you can legally purchase a gun you should be able to carry one without a permit.

Stephen Davis

Self

College Station, TX

The 2nd Amendment (and its parallel in the state Constitution) guarantees the right of every citizen to have, carry, and use arms for self-defense and protection against individuals and governments. For a government to then limit that same right is contradictory to the right itself. A right should not be made more difficult to exercise or overburdened by government (local, state, federal) when the right/Amendment was written as a limit upon the same government. Texans and Americans both fought for freedom and won independence by use of arms from governments that would have otherwise disarmed these same patriots. There are more firearms than persons in the great state of Texas and in the country as a whole. Millions of citizens use them responsibly and safely everyday. I have approximately 10 years experience in law enforcement and do not believe gun laws have helped bring any further awareness or safety to the population as a whole. I would argue that most people have attempted to rely upon police for their safety in every environment and circumstance. This has led to a lack of awareness and personal responsibility on the part of most and the population has become filled with easy targets and victims. Police are necessary but are reactionary in nature. A person's best self-defense is their ability to act/think quickly and use what tools they have immediately available to them. I would encourage every Texan and American to obtain arms and train/educate themselves of their proper use and waiting on government approval to carry the best form of self-defense is an undue burden. I love my state, support our government and believe in the goodness of many including our governor and legislature. This position should not be seen as anti-government but pro-liberty. When the rights of the people of Texas are recognized properly, then liberty, trust in government, cooperation and respect for others will follow.

Thomas Guaraldi

self

Houston, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL!

Herman Bertram Jr, Mr

retired

Alvin, TX

This bill needs to pass to protect our Constitutional rights. We are watching this very closely. Those reps that vote against these bills, we will vote against YOU in the next election!!! I ask all our REPUBLICAN FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES TO PLEASE VOTE TO PASS THIS BILL AND MAKE TEXAS A 2ND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY STATE!!!

Christian Light

Self / Student

Mansfield, TX

I urge the Texas legislature to pass TRUE constitutional carry (House Bills 1238 & 2900). In light of recent mass shootings, now

is the time for the State of Texas to not only stand firm for the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms, but to expand these rights as well. Citizens are much less likely to conceal carry a firearm if they must go through the hassle of obtaining a license to carry. I believe the number of Texas citizens that conceal carry a firearm will increase exponentially if true constitutional carry is passed and signed. The more citizens that conceal carry a firearm, the harder it will be for criminals to carry out their acts of violence. Again, I please ask the Texas legislature to pass true constitutional carry and recognize the rights of citizens to defend their lives and the lives of others from acts of violence perpetrated by criminals.

Steven Lutze

self

Sugar Land, TX

Carrying concealed should be a right for all US citizens that are permitted to own firearms. Licensed level 3 or 4 security personnel should be permitted to use their current license as a CCW permit.

Karen Vaughan

Self

Robstown, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Robert M Santini

Republican Party of TX

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. Please bring it up for a vote in committee and ask committee members to vote to pass it out of committee.

WILLIAM CLARK

self, imagery analyst

Austin, TX

I write in support of the bill.

I've possessed a license to carry a handgun for 15 years, and watched the progression of such legislation in Texas since the 1990s. The first steps towards law in line with the plain language of the US constitution was met with shrieks that there would be blood in the streets. These emotional assertions never materialized. Each legislative session rights were strengthened, more data was collected by DPS showing the virtuous nature of those who carried a firearm, the most heinous acts that became national tragedies elsewhere were stopped in their tracks here, and the emotional appeals continued to fall flat.

We have taken decades of steps in the right direction, this next step is long past due.

Robert Layton, Mr.

Self, Business Executive

Driftwood, TX

I am in support of HB1238 which clarifies that a person legally allowed to own and possess a firearm may carry and transport it accordingly.

Personally, this bill speaks to a situation that impacted me for several years. I have been a CHL/LTC permit holder since 2000. After renewing several times, a subsequent renewal fell when I was traveling extensively both nationally and internationally for business. I was not able to afford the time to renew under the rules and regulations and had to cease carrying my firearm. For a period of several years, as I was working, traveling and raising three children, the law prevented me from carrying my firearm to protect myself and my family.

HB 1238, to me, removes the risk of violating the law when needing to exercise my rights as a law abiding citizen. Consider the fact that I did not violate the law and placed myself and family at greater risk because this bill was not considered and passed at that time.

Perhaps my account will cause you to consider this bill, I along with citizens in my community of Dripping Springs support the passage of HB1238

Sincerely,

Robert Layton

william G. McAlpine, Owner / Mr.

The Clay Target Academy

San Angelo, TX

I would like to see a constitutional carry bill passed for all experienced people. I am a firearms instructor, a hunter and clay target shooter. I, also am proficient with all firearms that are available to the general public. I, have been shooting and hunting for 60 years. My dad was my teacher. He was a Marine during WWII. He was in the infantry. My experience with firearms qualify me to constitutional carry. I believe in the the US Constitution and am a supporter of the Second amendment.

I also think that a person that has never fired a gun needs training on how safely handle a firearm before being allowed to carry one, Unsafe handling of a firearm can be dangerous to the person using it and to those around them, I would suggest that all people who carry prove their capability by a notarized signed affidavit. These can be checked in different ways. sending a certificate of training, checking hunting license etc Those new people who have never handled or shot a gun, should receive basic training before being allowed to conceal carry. This doesn't have to be a lengthy class but one that will protect them and those around them. There needs to be no fee for possessing or just owning a gun or carrying one. This is our constitutional right. I believe that in today's world, all of us need to be able to protect ourselves, our family and friends and other citizens around us. This is a good way to possibly stop some of these mass shootings. The more people who carry a gun the better chance we have to stop these mass shootings.

WG (Mike) McAlpine

John Swicegood

self

Denton, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional Carry is long overdue for Texans.

Daniel Watson

Citizen

Jacksonville, TX

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Jesus Templeton

Myself

Harlingen, TX

I, Jesus Arturo Templeton, believe It is the right of every American and Texan to bear arms or carry firearms because the right is recognized by the 2nd amendment. I believe this right, my right and that of every Texan is being infringed. The right to protect yourself should not be in the hands of the few but should be a right to everyone.

I'm asking you to support constitutional carry. Please support my right and the right of Texans to carry and defend themselves and their families. We shouldn't have to jump through hoops to exercise our rights. I appreciate your time to read my concern.

Elizabeth Perez

self

Brownsville, TX

I submit my support of HBs 1238 and 2900 establishing Constitutional Carry in Texas. I disclose that I am a first time gun owner. I believe it is the God-given of every law-abiding citizen to carry a firearm, openly or concealed, on their person. For me, it is a form of self-defense from a direct assault. I, like many others, don't think it should be mandatory to have a state-issued permit to carry. This bill should lift restrictions which prohibit a person who lawfully possesses a handgun from carrying. Permits should be kept as an option and the same rules regarding reciprocity would still apply. Furthermore I agree with Texas GOP Chairman Allen West when he states: "In Texas, law-abiding, legal gun owners are authorized to openly carry a long rifle without permit. However, if the same individual were to do the same carrying a handgun without a permit, they would be a criminal, a felon. This is delusional, and again, unconstitutional."

David Elliot, Mr.

Self

San Antonio, TX

I support HB 1238

The right to bear arms is enumerated in the United States Constitution. There is no other right that requires a citizen to ask permission from the government to exercise. If a person is eighteen years old or older and is legally allowed to possess a firearm, there should be no other restrictions needed to exercise that right. Current firearm restrictions are hold-overs from Jim Crow era racist laws and need to be immediately removed.

The License to Carry system should continue for Texans who want to travel to other states with reciprocity permit laws. The LTC also streamlines firearm purchases since license holders have already passed local and federal background checks.

However, the current system of mandatory license requirements adversely affects the poor. For my first Concealed Permit, I had to save up for two years to be able to afford the class, the fingerprinting, and license fees. I have also recently tutored several college students who could not apply for their LTC immediately because of financial reasons. Lack of funds should never keep anyone from being able to protect themselves. In other states where Constitutional Carry has been enacted and mandatory training has been removed, people have sought more training on their own because they understand the responsibility of carrying a firearm. Public safety has either stayed the same or improved in those states.

The majority of states don't require some form of license to carry a handgun. More and more are passing Constitutional Carry. Texas should be in the lead, not lagging behind. Since violent crime rates usually go down after Constitutional Carry is adopted, it makes sense to add this way to protect Texans.

Wayde Witek

Self

Needville, TX

I support this bill because it's our constitutional right.

Richard Stewart

Self Retired

Houston, TX

First I would like to know why this would even come to a discussion. A man of good character such as myself, who has a CCL and is willing to protect himself and others would be the man you want to stand behind. I am no hero, nor a coward but while armed I will not allow harm to come to an innocent person. I hope I never have to reveal my weapon I have not so far. In an emergency life or death situation people who lawfully carry are trained and aware of their responsibility. Responsible people get their CCL's, Outlaws just conceal carry. I hope you agree with my views at least some what.

Randy Rodriguez

Self, IT Technician

San Antonio, TX

Several states have Constitutional Carry as law of the land, yet law-abiding Texans are being forced to get government permission to protect themselves and their loved ones by exercising their constitutional right. In Texas we can already openly carry a rifle or a shotgun without a permit.

Michelle Rinard

Self Dental Hygienist

Midland, TX

The constitutional carry debate stems from you guessed it , the United States Constitution. Two centuries ago, the founding fathers wrote the Constitution's Second Amendment. Specifically, the amendment details that the United States will not abide restrictions on citizens right to own and carry firearms. As a gun advocate who supports constitutional carry I believe the Constitution protects each citizen's right to bear arms. Any licensing or training program, or any constraints a state puts on a person's ability to carry a firearm, is unconstitutional. We as advocates believe that reinstating citizen's right to carry a firearm without federal or state regulation is a restoration, not an expansion, of our constitutional rights. Sincerely, Charlyn "Michelle" Rinard

Tobin Rockett

self AMT

Alvarado, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Jack Courtney, Mr

Self

Granbury, TX

I think it's time for this.

Ian Fink

Self

Austin, TX

I support this bill. Further, please recognize any Texan, who can legally possess a handgun, to carry that handgun openly or concealed without having to ask for permission. I firmly believe that the right to defend one's self, family, and property should not be contingent upon the government granting a permission slip to do so.

I have lived in Texas for forty-six years. I grew up here. I went to school here and earned my degree in electrical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin. During my three years living in the dorms there, I walked countless young women from one place to another on campus since they were afraid of being raped, or worse, simply because the sun went down. I was happy to help, but I was saddened that my help was needed. And if you ever read the stories posted during rape awareness on campus, you would know that the fears of those young women were extremely justified.

From the wooden board where those stories were posted, I could see the Texas Capital Building, and I wondered why the Texans elected to occupy that building would not let those victims readily carry the tools they needed to defend themselves from their attackers. It is my opinion that any law-abiding Texan has the right to protect himself or herself from being attacked or molested by any tool or defensive means that he or she chooses. I pray that the Texans currently elected to occupy our state's capital building will not continue to let that basic human right to continue to be infringed. Had any law-abiding Texan been able to carry a concealed handgun, perhaps the young women who attended our great state's namesake university during my time staying in the dorms would not have been afraid to walk across campus without a trusted male escort, simply because the sun had gone down.

Unfortunately, history has demonstrated that, in states with strict gun control laws, criminals have no lack of weapons and no qualms about using them to harm law-abiding citizens. Any gun control, including a permit requirement to carry a handgun, strips us law-abiding citizens of our abilities to freely take responsibility for our safety as we conduct our lives outside our homes and vehicles. It should be understood by all that a law-abiding citizen's inherent right of self-defense is not supposed to stop at the walls of his or her home or at the sides of his or her vehicle.

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution does not mention any spatial limitations on the right to keep and bear arms whatsoever. Please refer to the Third and Fourth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution examples of spatial limitations. Any suggestion that an individual's right to carry arms for self-defense is somehow null and void when he or she steps from his or her home or vehicle is fundamentally misguided.

Please repeal those parts of our laws that prevent us law-abiding Texans from our rights to defend ourselves and others. Thank you for your valuable time and your helpful effort in this.

Ben Greer

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Bryan, TX

Please consider this bill as a needed reinforcement and application of our Second Amendment rights, and as a safeguard against federal overreach into the lives of every Texan. Lawful gun owners produce and promote safety, and making guns more accessible instead of less will not result in more violence but less. Violence is being perpetrated at the highest rates in areas with some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation (ie. Chicago). Please take a step in the right direction by passing this bill and do not kowtow to all the deceitful messaging by the press about gun violence.

Respectfully,

Ben Greer

Albert Goforth

Self (professionaldriver)

Bullard, TX

I'm a veteran I support this bill please get it through asap it is my God given right to legally carry a firearm and I should be able to do so without a license I feel safer and it will reduce violent crimes. Thank You

Herman Waters, Jr

Self; retired

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX

We must protect the Constitutional right for all citizens to be able to protect themselves and their loved ones. We must do a better job of identifying people with mental disturbances.

Yolanda Hudson

GOA

Breckenridge, TX

I support this bill. I believe it is the right as an American and a Texas under the constitution to be able to carry a gun for my personal protection. I can legally own a fire arm and should be able to have no issues in carrying it on me where ever I go except where it is prohibited. Legal gun owners should always have the right to protect ourself. Having said that, I have never really felt the need to carry until the last 16 months. It is becoming clear that there is more unrest now than at any time in the past. I think you might understand how I feel. Please consider this carefully as a citizen I support this bill.

Ishrat Kundawala

Self

Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this bill. After living in a country plagued by gun violence and a resurgence of mass shootings, how dare we reduce the regulations to carry a handgun in public? Why shouldn't a Texan complete a course on firearm safety, a shooting proficiency test, and a background check? If you're going to keep your guns., the least you can do is prove you're capable of owning one safely, are certifiably sane, and not a domestic abuser or terrorist.

MICHAEL FOSSUM

Self, engineer

Austin, TX

Please support this bill and vote it out of committee. It is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise the right to carry a handgun. The 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution clearly states the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Requiring a license to carry hurts those who are poor, busy making a living, living in rural areas, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves immediately. A constitutional right that is delayed, is a right that is denied. Requiring a license to carry does nothing to stop criminal activity or violence, because criminals will break the law simply because they are criminals.

Repealing the training requirement for a license to carry does not endanger public safety. States that have adopted constitutional carry and abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves. For research and articles supporting constitutional carry, see the Crime Prevention Research Center at crimeresearch.org.

Please support this bill and vote it out of committee. Thank you.

Cameron Cutrone, Mr.

Self

Kyle, TX

Today I offer my support to legislation that will affirm my inalienable right to self defense. In this very tumultuous time forces are gathering on the federal level to abridge this sacred right which has made our land unique, strong, and fostered a society that has led the way in establishing the sovereign rights of the individual as paramount. Our leadership in recent years however have grown timid, lacked vigilance, and accepted political expediency as the guiding force of public service, rather than a spirited defense of liberty. As we speak another state, Montana, has just added itself to the growing list of states who recognize Constitutional Carry as a forgone conclusion, a facet of our lives that should be taken as second nature, woven into the fabric of our culture. Texas loves to "toot its horn" about leading the pack in so many ways, by now it should be an embarrassment that we have put this kind of law off for this many sessions, or to even have brought ourselves to making it necessary to exist in the first place. I urge the swift and decisive passing of this bill and would consider it the least our legislature can do in a time of peril where the very essence of liberty and security are hanging by a thread.

Dorothy Wood

Self

Austin, TX

I'm a lifelong Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND strongly believes that allowing permitless carry (allowing individuals to carry loaded guns in public with no permit and no training) would be extremely dangerous. Our current permitting system requires training on how to carry firearms responsibly in public, but permitless carry would remove that important requirement. Also, permitless carry would allow carry by people who currently cannot and should not get a permit (for example, convicted violent criminals, and chemically dependent individuals); allowing them to carry would be dangerous not only for the citizens of Texas, but also for law enforcement faced with trying to keep the public safe. Other states that have passed permitless carry legislation have subsequently seen significant increases in gun violence.

In addition, doing away with our permitting system would cost our state millions of dollars in lost permitting revenue. For all of these reasons, I urge you to oppose any legislation that allows permitless carry.

Louis Rodriguez

Texas Tax Payer

Bellaire, TX

Please support HB 1238

Denise Matlock

Self, Retired RN

Missouri City, TX

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Mark Kunze

Self

Temple, TX

Please support HB1238

No other pre political, natural and protected Individual Rights in the Bill of Rights requires fees, training, permits, license and worst of all, Government permission to exercise.

The Second Amendment must be read in context of the entire law and the acknowledgement in the Declaration of Independence that our rights are pre-political, that our rights predate the Constitution and are therefore not granted by government as mere privileges bestowed upon worthy individuals who satisfy some kind of government standard.

Our government does not have rights. Our government has limited powers carefully and specifically granted through the Constitution for the sole purpose of preserving and protecting all of the rights of the individual. What can the government constitutionally presume about me if I want to to own a firearm? Whose burden is it to show that I should or should not be able to possess a firearm?

This is why the whole Constitution matters and it matters in relation to the Declaration. Because your and my rights are pre-political. The government bears the burden of proving why I am an unfit gun owner, or an unfit parent, or have committed a criminal act, or any other accusation bearing legal consequences when my rights are at stake.

The government must presume that I am a fully fit citizen, meaning in legal terms that none of my rights can legally or properly be infringed upon unless and until the government shows proof by a legal standard that I have acted in some way contrary to the law and the sanction for my actions can result in the government denying certain rights, such as taking away liberty through imprisonment. The government cannot presume that I am going to act in an illegal manner just because my neighbor, my relative, a criminal or mentally ill individual has committed a crime.

Liberty means the government does not have authority to punish me before I have chosen to act contrary to law. The government does have legitimate authority to criminalize some conduct, but must prove that I have committed that criminal act before it may punish me.

This isn't just about my gun. It's about every single individual's fundamental right to liberty. And liberty is absolutely worth protecting. Our founders pledged their very lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor defending it. So must we.

We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill the primary role and function of Government, to protect the Constitutional Rights of Citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Peake

Self, contract work

Austin, TX

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Floyd Bartlett, Mr

Self Retired

El Paso, TX

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Eric Sievers

Self, truck driver

San Antonio, TX

I support HB 1238. Legal gun owners should not have to ask the government for permission and pay a tax to defend themselves. Gun control only creates victims. Making people wait to get a permit to carry makes them vulnerable and defenseless. Self defense is not something that can wait. Requiring a license also hurts those who can't afford one. They have the right to defend themselves same as anyone else. Criminals by definition do not obey the law. Some law or a sign is not going to and does not stop bad people from doing bad things. Murder is already illegal but they still do it. You don't even need a gun to kill someone. People use knives, their bare hands, or other weapons. Law abiding people having a gun for self defense is an equalizer. They can defend themselves against someone bigger or stronger than them. Passing constitutional carry does not make murder legal and gun owners aren't going to go around and kill people as if murder were legal. There are already many states with permit-less carry and they don't have total anarchy and chaos over there. People don't understand that the unfortunate reality of the world we live in is that there is always going to be bad people doing bad things. No amount of laws is going to change that. All you can do is allow the good, law abiding people to arm themselves so they can defend their lives.

Virginia Montgomery

Self

Austin, TX

Education and licensing are critical to gun safety, and I want you to require permits and make carrying a gun without a license punishable by law.

David Hunt

Self, Retired

Round Rock, TX

I support this bill because honest Texans should be allowed to exercise their God-given right to protect themselves, family, and their property. The recent events of lawlessness as seen in U.S. cities, efforts to defund police departments, and especially the Texas-Mexico border crisis underline the need for Texans to be armed. I urge you to support this bill because Texans, proud, law-abiding, and responsible, should not be denied the right to Constitutionally carry a firearm. Thank you. David Hunt

Charles Antonini

Retired

Humble, TX

Vote for constitutional carry

Marc Choquette

Self

Pflugerville, TX

"Shall not be infringed". Every Texan is allowed to protect themselves, their property and their family. Please support Constitutional Carry

Liz Case Pickens

Self Retired Teacher

Dallas, TX

As a member of the Legislative Priorities Committee at state convention in Houston this summer, we heard three days of testimony at a convention that the delegates never attended. These people traveled to give testimony and then had to travel back home to attend the convention online which indicates their commitment to our Legislative Priorities. Constitutional Carry was a top priority of the 6000 delegates at the convention.

* Our 2nd Amendment Right is fundamental to our governmental system. Every American citizen has the right to carry a firearm for protection unless they have a criminal record.

I'm not going to go through a litany of reasons because you will get enough of that in testimony but you need to be aware of the myriad of your constituents that support this bill and HB 1094.

It is up to you to ensure that every Texas citizen knows their Constitutional rights are protected. By crafting expert legislation other states will look to the example that we as Texans set. Texans have always been strong leaders and it is up to you to uphold that tradition.

Lisa Dickison

Self, not employed

WACO, TX

I support this bill because we should not be required to purchase a constitutionally protected right from the government. If we are legally allowed to buy firearms, we should be allowed to legally carry them open or concealed.

Ramirez Abel

Self

Midlothian, TX

Texas should have been the leader in this a long time ago. Stats show that gun control cities or states have more crime than places that do not have gun control laws. For a safer texas please pass this bill.

Bill Roach

Self

Weslaco, TX

Please support the second amendment right of constitutional carry of firearms.

Joshua Bergman

Self

DALLAS, TX

Let's makes Texas the last place people want to do shooting sprees. To do that is simple when they know there's more chance of them getting hurt hurt or killed which history is proven time and time again they're always cowards they always choose people that again will not be able to defend themselves because civilians no longer have to beg permission to defend themselves along with paying fees which by is racist it does keep the poor and the underserved from the most of all basic human rights the ability to be able to defend yourself against someone that wishes you harm besides that our model is proven the states that have all these heavy regulations and gun laws have the highest violence in murder rate we are among the lower side of all that please do what's right honor the spirit and the very word of the Constitution of both the state and the federal government and put these spree shooters and other violent individuals on notice when you come to Texas tread lightly we shoot back!

Judith Clay, Mrs

Self

Ore City, TX

Please vote FOR this bill

Edna Krueger, Mrs

Myself

Odessa, TX

This 2nd Amendment right should not even be in question yet given the dangerous attitude of some that do not seem to understand this is a basic human right to protect ourselves we are having to address this. Please pass this Bill to move it to floor

for votes. This Bill protects our right to protect our life & those we love. Don't punish we who carry a gun & obey laws. A gun may save yours or my life one day unless government takes it away. Lives may die if our right is not protected to defend ourselves. A gun may be the only line of defense when attacked.

Steven Reynolds
TDCJ Correction Officer
Texas city, TX

We should all be able to carry a firearm under the constitution as long as you do not have a felony charge. If caught doing so should be automatically 10 to 20 years in state prison depending on the offense. There is no reason we should not be able to do so as long as we follow the laws of not carrying into bars or stores that have the 51% law.

Charles Busbey, MAJ(ret.)
self, retired
Dripping Springs, TX

We must allow in Texas the Constitutional right to defend ourselves with firearms.

Mark Garza, Self
Self
Willis, TX

Being handicapped confined to a wheelchair places my family & I at somewhat of a disadvantage.? How being a licensed (LtC) Law Abiding Citizen, I find it very disheartening to ask my Government for permission for a God given right., for permission to carry a tool w/o being first charge a fee for possessing a tool, for self defense. aka: The Second Amendment to the US CONSTITUTION!! ... thank you.! Mark A. GARZA., proud TEXAN!!

Steve Carter
SCC consulting Inc
Horseshoe Bay, TX

Open carry in Texas should be lawful and supported by all citizens. Our second AMMENDMENT to our Constitution does not restrict the ability to open carry and the State should not either.

JENNIFER YOCH, Mrs.
Self Teacher
BLUE RIDGE, TX

Please support our right to open carry. The Bill of Rights protects our God-given right to protect ourselves and our families from enemies foreign and domestic. We see that those cities, states, and countries that have the strictest gun controls are also the ones with the most problems of violence. I believe those who seek to do harm are less likely when they know other people can defend themselves. We have seen this multiple times when an active shooter has been stopped by someone that had a weapon. Republicans have had open carry or Second Amendment rights on our legislative agenda for generations. Now is our chance for action. There is no more crucial time than right now to pass this legislation. We look to you to make this happen.

Glenn Bryan

self

Blossom, TX

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Me Fe

Everytown Gun Safety

Sugar Land, TX

"I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation."

WILLIAM SHERMAN

self consultant

BEN WHEELER, TX

Texas must recognize the right to carry a handgun without a license. Anyone 18 years or older who can legally possess a handgun should be able to carry it, open or concealed, without asking for permission. Constitutional Carry legislation would still maintain the LTC system as an option for those who would like an LTC (for gun purchase and reciprocity), and it would still prohibit handgun carry by people who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Edwin H Sanchez

Self

Alvarado, TX

We live in the United States of America we live in a country of the free. Under the Constitution have the right to bear arms and keep arms.

Michelle Orcutt

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, TX

For those not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm and to the provisions to carry, possess, transport or store there should be NO limitations enacted, ordered or otherwise no impediments to a persons right to be prepared to defend oneself, one's family or one's possessions. Any proposed limitations to make such a change must come before the people or the state and not be allowed to be enacted by a committee, any political seat or otherwise any official without the peoples individual consent.

J.L. Nolen

Personal

Lubbock, TX

It's time we are allowed to use our rights

Kendall Gunter

Self-Oilfield Lab Technician

Tuscola, TX

I support this bill to be able to carry ANY firearm that we own. I also support being a 2A sanctuary state where any federal laws regarding gun control will not apply to Texas.

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Dustin Donovan

self/self

Celina, TX

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James McLellan

Nine Energy

GRANBURY, TX

Its our duty to be well armed citizens and was designed by our founding fathers for very good reasons. How soon we forget that our freedoms must not be giving away by people who do not represent us the majority of people. As we my not be as loud, brash and in your face as much as those who want to take our rights for false security. Conservative by nature means we are cautiously moderate and disposed to preserve existing conditions, institutions, and or to restore traditional ones limiting harmful change for fake safety. He who trades his freedoms for safety deserves neither and will definitely have neither.

Roy Shields

Self/Retired

Kerrville, TX

This bill will allow all Texans to take personal responsibility for they, and their family's safety without getting permission from the gov. to do so. It's constitutional, it promotes public safety, and approving this bill is the right thing to do. Thank all of you for your service.

Jessica Thibodeaux

self

Mckinney, TX

As a texas resident i oppose HB 1238 as i feel this will jeopardize public safety.

Caleb Baxley

Self, Federal Agent

Alpine, TX

I support this bill. The local, state, and federal governments have no authority to infringe on the peoples God given right to possess and carry a firearm. Infringing on these rights means taking the power away from the people and putting it into the governments hands, which defeats all the principles that this country was founded on.

Robert Gannaway

Onsite Auto Repair

Plano, TX

I support this bill

byron schirmbeck, state coordinator

Texas Campaign For Liberty

Baytown, TX

Texas Campaign For Liberty supports HB1238 and HB2900 constitutional carry. Texans shouldn't have to ask for a government permission slip to defend themselves.

Vonda Mims

Moms Demand Action- Texas

Houston, TX

If passed, these bills would allow a person to carry a loaded handgun in public -- openly or concealed -- without any training or background check.

Keli Cox

Self

Conroe, TX

Support

John Chamberlain

Self

ODESSA, TX

I support this bill! This bill would give Texans back there right to bear arms without permission from the government and make Texas safer!

James Goble

Self self employed

Buchanan Dam, TX

I support this bill because a law abiding citizen should not have to ask permission to carry a firearm for protection. Self defense is a god given right

Frank Thieme

self

Granbury, TX

I strongly urge you to pass HB 1238.

McKenzie Brown

Self

Athens, TX

I support HB 1238 and ask that this bill (which is also RPT platform item) be given the support it deserves for the sake of Texans & their God given rights.

Mary Corbin

swe

Houston, TX

I fully support full Constitutional Carry with, at a minimum, the following provisions:

Constitutional Carry

Ending "Gun-Free" Zones

Use-of-Force Protections

Reducing Carry Regulations

Further Infringing on the Right to Carry

Protection Against Federal Infringements

Repeal of Emergency Powers

Suppressor Freedom

Curtailing "No-Knock" Raids

"Red Flag" Gun Confiscation

Universal Background Checks

Gun Show Restrictions

Storage & Access Regulations

Firearm & Magazine Bans

Restrictions on Transfer & Possession

KYLE CAMPBELL

Self

Azle, TX

I support this bill due to the fact criminals do not care whether a state requires a license to carry or not. This is only hurting the law abiding citizens who may not have access to get an LTC due to location, income, or schedule. We should not have to ask out gov't for permission to carry a firearm as it is our RIGHT to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution.

Kathryn White

self, homemaker

Kountze, TX

I am a responsible gun owner that carries for self defense. This bill will ensure our second amendment rights by allowing us to carry and defend ourselves. While mass shootings are tragic, the instances where the number of fatalities were low was due to the fact that someone was carrying a gun and stopped the carnage, by taking out the shooter. It is necessary for us to defend ourselves as usually in the time it takes for law enforcement response to arrive, the shooting event is usually over.

Linda Evans, Ms.

Self—retired

Conroe, TX

We demand and need solid, reasonable laws controlling firearms. If a person chooses to carry a gun, they should have the responsibility of having a permit, a background check and proper training before being turned loose on the citizens of Texas. Just common sense and good public safety! I oppose HB 1238!

Meagan Bates

Self

Pointblank, TX

My name is Meagan Bates and I'm from San Jacinto county and I fully support HB1238 for the following reasons.

Texas is a great place and so are the people in it. We protect our lands and our people. For years others and myself have been fighting for the right to self preservation without government permission. We hold that dream of permitless carry even when those dreams are, ironically shot down. We gather year after year, session after session to further gun rights for our people. I think it's time we start recognizing the efforts of these people who dedicate their time away from family to make sure Texans are safe without the government's permission. To watch other states pass permitless carry so easily, they are leading the charge and it ultimately shows that their state government's trust the people with their rights to protect themselves. Why can't Texas be one of those states? Why are we so behind on on this. I think Texas should be on that map that shows all the states that have permitless carry. It would show that we truly care about defending others and ourselves. What a great day that would be to see our state on that map and ultimately inspire other states to pass permitless carry. So let's start making these dreams comes true and start leading other states to freedom. The people deserve it. Thank you.

Michelle Austin

Self HR

Frisco, TX

I support HB1238. I would love to see Texas be a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State as a step further to protect our rights and ability to defend ourselves. Texans who can legally possess a firearm can purchase and possess a firearm. No special and additional "permits" required.

kenneth Jeffcoat

self/ self employeed

Friendswood, TX

I support constitutional carry

KENNETH GABY

Temple Gun Club

Belton, TX

Currently, Texas has licensed open carry. Since passage of that Bill, there has been no measurable change in the crime rate or incidents where firearms were used in confrontations. In fact, the number of Texans carrying openly is almost nonexistent. And whether there is licensed open carry or Constitutional Carry, nothing will change the behavior of criminals.

The issue for those supporting Constitutional Carry is a simple one; if I have to ask permission, permission can be denied. The constitution states the right to bear arms shall not be infringed. Needing permission from Gov't is infringement. And open to abuse at the whim of any political entity.

Currently, 30 States do not require any permit for open carry. That includes Texas neighboring States of LA, ARK, NM and CO, MO, KS, MS, and AL. None of those States have crime rates any different than Texas. LEOs in these States don't seem to be attacked with any more frequency than any other State.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Donald Miller

myself

HOUSTON, TX

We need this more than ever. Texas needs to be a constitutional carry start.

Angela Strobl

self

Bridgeport, TX

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution, as well as Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution, do not convey a right to Texans, but rather document a natural right that we are given by the Almighty to protect ourselves from each other, and most importantly from the Government. Texans have the right to defend themselves, on and off their property, regardless of whether they have a license in their pocket, or not.

ken Riffel

constituent

Temple, TX

shall not be infringed upon

Rudolfo Hernandez

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I support yay votes on 1238 and 2900. It is the right of every law abiding, United States citizen to be able to openly defend themselves against all enemies foreign and DOMESTIC! Don't expect my vote as a Republican and retired military officer in the future if you as a Republican do not support the passing of constitutional carry. Thank you!

Edward Kandler

self

Jarrell, TX

I am in whole hearted agreement with HB 1238. It is time for the Second Amendment of Bill of Rights to be taken seriously & to allow U.S. citizens the right to bear arms.

Stacy Slovak

Myself

Brownsville, TX

I am a born and raised Texas resident and fully understand the importance of protecting the right to bear arms. It is imperative that all representatives protect that right of their constituents. I support this bill.

JAMES GANGLER

SELF

HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX

I support this bill.

I feel as though licensing requirements only inhibit the lower income citizens who are more susceptible to crime and/or danger. I also feel as though this bill will reduce a barrier to firearm ownership in the community due to the restrictions and requirements of the licensing.

I also see that in most if not all states that have passed constitutional carry there is a lower crime rates than those without.

Gerald Castillo

Campaign for Liberty

Justin, TX

I support this bill.

Sarah Westbrook

Self

Tomball, TX

We need more regulation for guns, not less. It is negligent and inconsistent to require licenses for operating vehicles, and verifying voting eligibility, only to eliminate a license requirement (and key education and training) for carrying firearms.

Zane Jones

Temple gun club

Troy, TX

Please pass this bill

Andria Bauer

Self, stay at home mom

Austin, TX

Oppose. Permits should always be required for safe, responsible gun ownership.

Sarah McQueen

Self/Social Worker

Cedar Park, TX

As a Texas resident, as a mother of two school-aged children, as a social worker who works in schools, as a citizen who wants to go to church, the mall, the grocery store, a salon, an outdoor concert, or a gas station without fear of gun violence, I urge you to consider voting against this bill. There is no logical reason to remove the permit and training requirements currently in place to own and carry a handgun. They keep us all safer and to remove them will make us considerably less safe.

Joseph Dickens

My family

Arlington, TX

Texas needs to move forward as other states haste on this issue. It is a know fact that crime will go down when the criminals don't know if you are carrying or not. With the current administration in Washington D C wanting to defund police do away with ICE limit the Border Patrol it will become necessary for one to protect their self and family. At last report the Biden Administration is more that likely to issue Executive Actions on gun control or at least try to. To purchase a carry permit is buying my rights back that I have under the Constitution which entails shall not be Infringed.

Ken Eldred

550 Reserve Street #460

Southlake, TX

We need to pass these bills to protect our rights to have and own guns!!! Those rights are endanger nationally and the state is our last line of defense.

Monty Parker

self / retired

San Marcos, TX

We strongly urge passage of a bill to allow permit less carry, along with other second amendment related bills of similar nature.

Lance Gordon

self

Katy, TX

Let's catch up with 18 other states and vote in Constitutional Carry. Why are we so late? We should have been the first state to vote for it.

Paulette Teel

Self. Citizen

Boerne, TX

Pass HB1238 & HB2900.

Thomas Bannan

Self, Business owner

Kingwood, TX

I support this bill, I believe carrying a firearm is a right and not a privilege. I am also a firm believer that the more lawful people carry will mean less crime. I also think we need this bill to pass with the current climate that is in D.C. with renewed gun control

movement Texas needs to make it harder for them to infringe on our rights by new laws like this HD 1238.

Thank you, I appreciate the hard work that y'all do in Austin.

C. B. Hopkins

self

Fredericksburg, TX

As a law abiding citizen of Texas and the United States, I support this bill. Since the 1960s I have resented the government's slow encroachment on my God given right to self defense of person and property as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. I further question and reject the perspective of asking permission from the government and paying a "tax" to exercise my rights as defined in the Bill of Rights. Too many times I have witnessed a citizen with a gun intervening during the critical moments before law enforcement could be summoned or arrive. A most significant example of armed citizenry involvement being when I was in Austin August 1, 1966. I was just a few blocks away when Whitman went on his rampage. Ranger Ray will confirm it was armed students on campus that provided the covering fire that allowed Officer Ramiro Martinez to get to the Tower. Once inside, it was a bookstore employee with a firearm that covered Officer Martinez' back as he circumnavigated the observation deck confronting Whitman.

Thank you,
C. B. Hopkins

Carol Ortiz, Ms

Self/retired

Montgomery, TX

I oppose this bill. Please don't advance 1238 out of committee. It poses a negative impact to public safety.

Don Hartman

retired

Cuero, TX

Constitutional carry would be good for Texas. People need to be able to provide for self defense for themselves and others.

Jonathan Johnson

self

San Antonio, TX

support. This bill would enforce the inherent right to bear arms and would remove the existing infringement (requiring a LTC to bear a firearm).

John Johnson

Citizen

Luling, TX

This has been far overdue in my great state of Texas. People who are not prohibited from purchasing a firearm should not have to be subjected to further obstructions to exercise a constitutionally guaranteed right.

Melanie Royo

Self

Katy, TX

In much the same way that everyone must have a state-issued license to drive a vehicle, as it proves competence in using it (among other uses of identification), everyone who chooses to exercise their right to bear arms, so too should hold a permit that gives proof of knowledge in knowing its proper usage (also providing other uses of identification). In having a permit, each person is entitled to the stated "...other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm." It has and at all cost must remain, as intended in the US Bill of Rights, passed in 1789, ratified in 1791, under the second item "II A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Teresa Mordica

self

Pleasanton, TX

I am a 69 year old widow, mother and grandmother and I'm licensed to carry in Texas. I support this bill for the following reasons:

1. Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural or senior. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.
 2. Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun if they are legally eligible to purchase one.
 3. Texans who want to carry a gun simply to come home safe at night are forced to wait for their permit so they can carry "legally". The criminals don't wait!
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Susan Pintchovski

Myself

Austin, TX

I am a responsible gun owner who opposes this bill. I am urging Texas to continue our current CHL permitting system to ensure that gun owners, like myself have the basics in safety training and handling as well as live fire training. We should expect no less in the interest of public safety.

Darryl Swann

self

KYLE, TX

The 2nd Amendment says, "Shall not be infringed". While I have a License to Carry and will maintain it, I believe the license should not be required to carry. Open or concealed.

Jett Burns

self, entrepreneur

Fredericksburg, TX

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Michael Mayfield

self

Conroe, TX

I wish to express my support of this bill authorizing the carrying of a firearm without needing a license to carry. While the State of Texas has made the license to carry permit more affordable in recent years, there is still a monetary cost attached to exercising this specific constitutional right. When there is a monetary cost attached to exercising a basic human right, that right is not truly free and potentially discriminates against the poor. By eliminating the requirement of a license, those who cannot afford the license and are not prohibited from possessing a firearm will be able to exercise this important right protected by the constitution.

Buz Steele

Self, Construction Manager, Pipeline

Brenham, TX

With the influx of illegals crossing our southern border and not knowing their intentions, the need for fewer restrictions on self protection is direly needed as soon as possible.

Clayton Westberry

Self

Canton, TX

I support this bill and would like to see it pass as it is a fundamental right for all to be able to carry a firearm.

Jennifer Price

self

Round Rock, TX

I am a mother, wife to an Army Veteran, and a gun owner. Please OPPOSE this dangerous bill which would allow permitless carry of loaded firearms in public. Responsible gun owners know that training and gun safety are paramount. The permitting system in Texas helps to keep citizens safe by ensuring that those who carry a gun in public places are aware of how to responsibly carry and handle their weapon, and have shown some proficiency on gun safety and use during their LTC class. Dismantling our permitting system would put our communities at risk. This bill would allow people with no training and no knowledge of Texas gun laws to carry in public. Since there are no background checks run on those who purchase guns through private sales in Texas, this bill would even allow those with a criminal history to easily get away with carrying loaded guns in public. This bill would put law enforcement officers at risk. States that have allowed permitless carry have, unsurprisingly, seen an increase in gun violence. Responsible gun owners know that our permitting system is important for public safety. Please oppose permitless carry in Texas. Thank you.

Terry Burns

self, entrepreneur

Fredericksburg, TX

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Jeb Brown

Self, VP Multifamily Construction

Boerne, TX

I support this bill. I am a Texan and it is unbelievable that we have to ask the government permission to do anything that is related to our god given freedoms and enumerated in our constitution. Further, the existing "gun control" laws do nothing more than promote a target rich environment of unarmed citizens for sick criminals and content for corporate media to further attack our rights. It is time we joined Oklahoma and other states in becoming a true Constitutional carry state so that everyone that cares to provide for their own self protection can. Thanks!

Donald Morgan

Self

Sachse, TX

I strongly support constitutional carry. Let's make "shall not be infringed" what it was always meant to mean, just that.

Timothy Reece

Self/Administrator

Decatur, TX

I support this bill. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Licencing a right endowed to us by our Creator is an infringement. It is unjust to require law-abiding citizens to pay money and carry around a permission slip to avoid fines or jail simply for exercising that right. Furthermore, licencing does not prevent crime, nor does it increase pubic safety. If a criminal chooses to arm him/herself for nefarious purposes, a requirement to obtain a license serves as no deterrent to that aim.

Gregory Clayton

Self

San Marcos, TX

I support this bill.

At least 19 states in the United States recognize constitutional carry. There is no reason why Texas should not recognize constitutional carry.

I really don't know what more I can say other than I deserve to be safe. I deserve to be able to protect myself without having to request permission from the state.

Steve Tozzi

self

New Braunfels, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Julie Butler

self

Austin, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Roger Barnhart, Mr

Barnhart Bolt & Special Fasteners

Odessa, TX

I believe Texans should be allowed to open carry as it appears to us that with the defunding of our law enforcement, the release of criminals from prisons because of COVID-19 and the fact that the criminal element does not obey any laws let alone our out of control gun laws. It has been proven that with the leadership in DC that crime in A, Erica has risen and I believe law abiding Texans should have the ability to protect themselves their families and proberty.

John Cigan

Self, Engineer

Houston, TX

In favor of this measure, but not opposed to available safety training.

Mark Randol

self

Austin, TX

I support HR1238.

- If a person can legally own a firearm, they should be able to carry it, open or concealed, without first seeking governmental permission.
 - The permitting system is time consuming and difficult to navigate without assistance.
 - Texas has a reputation for a pro-gun rights culture, but does not allow any permitless carry for firearms, unlike many states without this reputation.
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Arthur Cameron

self, Retired

Tyler, TX

I SUPPORT this bill.

A person who is old enough to serve in the military should have all the freedoms of older citizens, including freedom to carry a firearm without asking the government for permission.

Requiring a license to carry a firearm hurts the poor and rural since they are more limited on options for self defense.

Violent crimes are reduced in states with Constitutional carry.

Stephen Stanley, CC Sub Committee Chair
Republican Party of Texas/State Republican Executive Committee
Garland, TX

Constitutional Carry Written Testimony

Chairman White
Vice-Chair Bowers
Committee Members

RE: HB1238, HB2900

Good morning Chairman White and Vice Chair Bowers. Please allow this to serve as my formal support of the above referenced bills before the Committee today. I apologize that I could not make it in person today due to traveling to Laredo for our 1Qtr SREC/RPT meeting.

While we were given 8 Legislative Priorities from our State Convention and all of the highest importance to not only the grassroots of the Republican Party but to the everyday Texan. I am privileged to Chair the Sub-Committee on Constitutional Carry this Session and to date I am pleased with the number of House and Senate members who also deem this a Priority as well.

Now that the filing deadline has passed we now what is in front of us. Our charge with the RPT is very narrow and out of the 153 Bills relating to guns in some form only two meet the narrow scope of our charge.

With what has happened in the past week with the mass shootings again there are those that have started with the call to ban "Assault Rifles", mandate "Universal Background Checks" and now from the Biden Administration calling for "Gun Confiscation2".

The US Constitution has no limitations on US Citizens 2nd Amendment Rights and here today is the time to move both HB1238 and HB2900 forward for a full vote on the Floor of the House and then to the Senate for passage and ultimately being signed into law by Gov. Abbott.

Respectfully Submitted by

Stephen Stanley
SREC SD2 Committeeman
Sub-Committee Chair for
Constitutional Carry

Coleman Simmons
Self / Lighting Designer
Edgewood, TX

In favor

Doug Wyman
Self. Machinist.
Fort Worth, TX

I want to show my support with HB 1238. We have to get back to leading this country with our freedoms. And this is a start. We shouldn't be taxed (paying for a permit) to do something that God and our founding fathers know should just be common sense. Please understand that out there, there are people that need to protect themselves but can't afford to go through LTC classes. They can barely afford the gun and ammo. We shouldn't put extra financial stress on them for anything extra. Thank you for your time.

Doug Wyman

Connie Finck

self/software consultant

SPRING, TX

Given the events of the past two weeks, plus the overall behavior of offended people in the past 2 years, I think this would be a mistake. A police officer who knows how to respond in a situation was killed - who knows what someone will do who is not properly trained. An angry person could grab the gun and cause havoc. Allowing permitless carry would not make me feel safer, it would probably make an event like Boulder even worse. Please do not let this bill go for a vote.

Kenneth Lindbloom

self

Katy, TX

I support HB 1238; the Constitution should serve as the only carry permit needed in Texas. However, many Texans travel out of state and use their Texas LTC to carry in states with reciprocity. The LTC also allows Texans to bypass NICs checks, when purchasing firearms; they have already had a lengthy background check performed. I would like to see the permit requirement removed, while still making the LTC available for those who wish to have it for state reciprocity or background check reasons.

Heather Solsbery

Photographer, Farmer, Homeschool Mom

Rockdale, TX

In this current climate of random riots, threats by Antifa, discrimination, and economic uncertainty, with mental illness on the rise and crazy people everywhere, I believe EVERY PERSON should have the right to bear arms to defend themselves and protect their property, animals and children. We have seen already when you contrast the church shooting in Texas with the "gun free zone" shootings that GOOD GUYS WITH GUNS SAVE LIVES. I believe self protection is a basic human right. I believe in the original intent the framers gave us the 2nd Ammendement for, and I believe no government agency, no corporation, and no place of business should infringe upon that right.

Thomas Payne

All Freedom loving U.S. citizens

Village 3, TX

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. All gun laws are an infringement period. We already have this right so pass this bill to confirm that right.

Truett Burns

self, golfer

Fredericksburg, TX

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Adam Earls, Mr.

Self - USMC & LEO Veteran

McKinney, TX

I fully support Constitutional Carry, and this bill best represents not asking the state for permission to exercise my inherent right of self-defense that is also enshrined in the Constitution as the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Texas is supposed to be a beacon of freedom and lead other states in liberty; however, 18 other states already recognize the 2nd Amendment as the only permit needed to carry a firearm for self defense (and that number is likely to be 20 very soon).

Gun laws are some of the last vestiges of the racist post Reconstruction laws intended to limit freedoms of minorities. These gun laws should be repealed and grouped with the dark past of poll taxes and Jim Crow laws. They do not magnify a more dignified society. Instead, they continue to punish those that are disadvantaged. Requiring law abiding citizens to jump through legal hoops and live in fear of being in violation of a process crime while those that wish us harm neither abide by or fear the law is an abomination.

I urge each of you to support and pass HB1238.

Michael Evans

Self retired

Driftwood, TX

I support hb1238 and 2900

Barbara Kress, Mrs.

Self/safety engineer

Nassau Bay, TX

Carrying a firearm is a constitutional right of law abiding citizens, the same as the right to free speech (including for or against government Policy) and freedom of religion. Whether I choose on any given day to exercise that right does not mean I surrender that right. I have lived among people who carry guns, using safe practice and teaching safe practice to those who they allow access to their firearms. Accidents do occur, and these are tragic but do not result in loss of rights. Misuse and abuse do have that consequence. This is quite analogous to the right (not a guaranteed right, and so requiring a license) to drive a motor vehicle. Safe use practice is imperative and should be taught. Whether I choose to not drive for a period of time does not revoke my right/license. Purposeful misuse, causing intentional harm, is punished and results in loss of certain citizen rights. The rights given by the law of the constitution should not be infringed on the general citizen population.

Scott Janes

self

Temple, TX

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Please help to keep this intact.

Matthew Price

self

Round Rock, TX

As an Army Veteran, gun owner, and son of a retired police officer, I ask you to please OPPOSE this bill. I have extensive knowledge and practice in responsible gun use. Having a permitting system in place is important for public safety, and allowing those with absolutely no training to carry loaded weapons in public is a recipe for disaster. The permitting system in Texas ensures people have knowledge of the basics of gun safety and handling and have passed a criminal background check. (As a former Army Officer, I could even argue that the LTC class should encompass more training than it currently does.) Allowing those with no training to handle loaded weapons in public is a disservice to all responsible gun owners. In the military and in police departments there are many rules and regulations pertaining to the safe and appropriate use and handling of weapons. Neither the military nor the police would be so cavalier to allow people to carry or use weapons without training or accountability. The permitting system helps keep all Texans safe. The absence of it not only puts more people at risk, it creates an even more dangerous environment for our police and puts them in unnecessary danger. Again, please OPPOSE this bill, I cannot stress that enough. Thank you for reading this and for your consideration of the safety of all Texans.

Wade Johnson

Self

Benbrook, TX

I support HB 2900. It is our right as Texans and American to be able to carry a firearm to protect me, my family, and others from a threat.

Ronald Myers

Self/transportation mgr

Abilene, TX

Please continue to push this bill for Constitutional carry. With the Biden open border policy, it is now more important to be able to protect ourselves. Constitutional carry will allow Texans to do that w/o begging the govt for permission. Texas is lagging behind approx 17 other states in passing Constitutional carry for its citizens.

Luke Blasi

Self Warehouse Associate

Fort Worth, TX

I support this bill as it is a vital step in removing infringements on our constitutional rights to keep and BEAR arms.

L.C. Johnson

self

Frankston, TX

I support the right of Constitutional Carry a firearm in my state, as needed for family safety and security without the need of government permission.

Eric Van Der Vlist

Self

Abilene, TX

Gun laws are a violation of the constitution of the United States of America

Gabriel Fossatti

Self

princeton, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional carry can save lives. I've seen countless times where an officer is waiting for back up and is about to be killed or hurt badly, when a legally carrying citizen shows up to assist. We don't see this enough in the media. I've seen where a place of worship a legally carrying gun owner was able to stop someone that was out to hurt anyone and everyone. We have to remember this should already be in effect. If we are not allowed to defend ourselves and or innocent people in a time of need and have to wait for someone to come and respond well that puts innocent law abiding citizens at risk. We can't leave the innocent defenseless against crime and hatred. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this email.

Colby Reynolds

Self

Flower mound, TX

I would like the committee to vote yes on this bill. Bringing constitutional carry into Texas is like the mutually assured destruction strategy of the Cold War. With more people carrying firearms, the chances of shootouts will go down because a huge mass of the population will be armed and able to defend themselves. Several states have already passed this and Texas needs to catch up.

Suzanne Mitchell

Self

Austin, TX

OPPOSE

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Self

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Jill Glover

Republican Party of Texas, Chair Legislative Priorities Committee

Double Oak, TX

I support this bill, HB 1238, because it is a natural right to carry a firearm, as described in our Second Amendment of the Constitution. We do not need permits for any of our God given freedoms such as speech or assembly, nor do we need one for a firearm. Please pass this bill through committee for a floor vote. Millions of our Texas Republicans indicated they support this bill on the 2020 ballot proposition. Texas is behind many states on gun carry rights, and we must correct this. Thank you!

Jake Warren

Self, Analyst

Richardson, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. Requiring a license to carry restricts the constitutional rights of those who have medical conditions, live in rural locations, or are busy (caring for others), etc. Requiring a license does not do anything to impede criminals, it just places undue burdens on law abiding citizens. Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves [1].

[1]: <https://crimeresearch.org/2016/12/concealed-carry-permit-holders-getting-training-even-isnt-required/>

Suzanne Mitchell

Self

Austin, TX

OPPOSE

William T. McCabe

self

Frisco, TX

I support this bill.

Jesse Benavides

Self

San Antonio, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238 because as a US military veteran I swore an oath to defend the Constitution from enemies foreign and domestic and I believe the right to bear arms is a God-given right to all Texans. My house was robbed five times, and each time they took my biggest kitchen knife to use as a weapon. Texans have the right and duty to defend their wellbeing, loved ones, and personal property when attacked. The more law abiding Texans step up and defend this right, the safer everybody will be.

Tyler De La Cruz

Self

West Columbia, TX

HB1238, HB1911, HB1927, and HB2700 would give law abiding Texans a better option for self preservation. Everyone should have a the right to defend themselves without having to be charged money for a right that they should havd had since birth. For young single mothers this bill would give them a much better force equalizer to protect themselves and their children.

WILMA JOY PUTNAM, MRS

SELF

GEORGETOWN, TX

I support HB 1238 as it ensures that Texas complies with the Second Amendment: "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Julie Burns

self, entrepreneur

Fredericksburg, TX

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I'm the mother of three sons, 9, 18, 20, the older of whom are very fine shots with any gun and are very safe with them, they yet can't get a license to carry until they're 21! I want the help of my sons in defending us while we're on the road working, including

during our work, at heavily crowded, busy shows. My husband is not always with us. I don't feel safe enough with just my gun. I want this bill passed for my sons' sakes, as well as for the many other young sons across Texas.

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Wendel Elliott, Pastor

Self, Pastor

Alpine, TX

I support HB 1238. Being a pastor and in light of recent violent attacks on churches, I am in favor of ANY bill that affirms and supports our God given right to and protection of life. Texas should be the leader in defending life and liberty with its deep history of fighting against tyranny. Independence from the tyrannical dictator Santa Anna would not have been achieved without the God given right to protect against such powers. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share my support of this bill.

Michelle Mostert

Self-Therapist

Dripping Springs, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238.

Scott Lange

Self, computer programmer.

Fort Davis, TX

I am strongly in support of constitutional carry. There are people across the state, increasingly so now, to whom the forty dollar fee is a substantial amount of money. The poorest in society tend to be the ones most at risk of falling victim to muggers, carjackers, etc. The only thing this would do is help people such as this. There are several other states that have passed similar measures and every single one of them has seen the crime rate drop. Criminals do not wait for a government permission slip to arrive in the mail before doing their evil deeds, to my knowledge that has not happened even a single time. There is no good reason not to pass this bill.

Lewis Locke

self Shooting Sports Instructor

Baytown, TX

As a certified hunting and shooting sports instructor, I support Constitutional Carry. I teach many youth and adults in shooting sports and understand the importance of safety. I think safety training should be taken by all who wish to carry, but that training is available by many means in today's world.

Abigail Auner

Self, Greenhouse grower

Fort Davis, TX

The carrying of firearms by law-abiding citizens acts as a powerful deterrent to would-be violent criminals. The easier we can make it for responsible Texans to carry firearms, the better that deterrent can function, as has been seen with similar bills to Biedermann's HB 1238 that have passed in dozens of other states. I hold a license to carry firearms, and from experience I know that the process for obtaining such license is long and arduous. Between the licensing fee, the cost of a qualifying training course, the cost of travel to said course, the cost of travel to get fingerprinted, and the time required to complete all of the above, I know that most of my acquaintances in my rural area would struggle to get licensed. The delay involved might not seem important, but to the family who gets attacked during that wait with no legal way to defend themselves, it is an extremely high price to pay. For this reason, I wholeheartedly support HB 1238, because Texans deserve all the same protections and rights as other members of our Union.

Eric Clifton, Mr.

Self - Information Technology

Graham, TX

I fully support this bill. I believe that a person who already has the legal right to own a firearm should be able to bear that firearm at any time and place, and for any reason they deem necessary. Currently 32 states allow their citizens to openly bear a firearm without a state permit. Of those, 17 also allow citizens to bear a firearm concealed without a state permit which is commonly known as "Constitutional Carry" and is the same effect as this bill. Violent crimes and firearm related offenses have gone down or had negligible change in ALL of those states. I am aware of the adage that "correlation does not equal causation" and to take care in such comparisons. However those that oppose bills such as this one will lead with the supposition that crime will increase. There is no basis for that claim. Even though drops in crime may or may not be related to loosened restrictions in those states, NONE have seen an INCREASE in crime as those opposed claim would be the result. In that respect correlation absolutely equals and indicates causation, or lack thereof. The heart and soul of current restrictions on bearing firearms dates back to the post American Civil War period and were undeniably intended to prevent freed slaves from obtaining and carrying firearms. Little has changed today as such laws are disproportionately enforced against people of color or those of lower income. The current permit system only ensures there is a financial barrier to keep those of lesser means from securing themselves, their families, and their possessions. In that respect this Jim Crow era prohibition continues to function as intended. Situations that may require one to be more mindful of their safety tend to come on suddenly and with little or no warning. The current system leaves those people unprotected and vulnerable for the 60-plus days it takes to legally bear that firearm, often with deadly consequences. Defensive use of firearms dwarfs current firearm death rates proving they are a valuable deterrent to crime and means of leveling the playing field. That disparity exists despite the fact that many defensive uses are never reported. Simply knowing their intended victim is armed is enough to prevent criminals from attempting to commit a crime in the first place. I will end with the idea that the overwhelming majority of Texans have proven on a daily basis to be responsible enough to be trusted with bearing arms without a permit. We will never see 100% compliance and there will always be anecdotes and outliers. That's true with alcohol abuse, irresponsible motor vehicle use, and even barbecues and camp fires. However I believe there are sufficient laws and corrective actions on the books to handle those on a case by case basis without the need for an additional layer of complexity. I offer my sincerest thanks to the committee for your time and dedication to the Great State of Texas, and for considering my humble opinion on this matter. May God bless Texas.

David Nunez

Myself

League City, TX

It's embarrassing that Bernie Sanders' state of Vermont has Constitutional Carry and Texas doesn't. Stop catering to the police

unions and recognize our freedoms the way the founding fathers intended. Yall have a "R" next to your names. Time to prove it.

Amy Spiess
Fredericksburg Tea Party
Kerrville TX 78028, TX

I very much support this effort . Stand for Texas and personal liberty.

David Salzbrenner, Home owner
Self Operation supervisor
Weatherford, TX

I support constitutional carry and feel this is the right of free people. In States that support rigid gun laws is where the most problems with guns and gun related crimes are found. Guns don't create issues the same as forks aren't to blame for obesity!!!

Casey Edwards
Self Accountant
Plano, TX

I support this bill.

nathan coffey
self - PM
austin, TX

I fully support this bill. The constitution is pretty straightforward in that my rights as a law abiding Citizen shall not be infringed.

Shelley White
Self
Austin, TX

I support this bill. Thank you.

Christin Bentley, Mrs.
Texas Freedom Coalition
Flint, TX

We support Constitutional Carry in the state of Texas. Our organization represents thousands of Texans across the state.

Michael Sweeney
Self - Business Owner

Georgetown, TX

I support HB-1238 and ask the committee to pass this legitimization to stop government overreach infringing on our Constitutional Rights as provided under the 2nd Amendment for legal citizens

Bryan Graham

Self

Little Elm, TX

I am here to comment in SUPPORT of HB 1238. Our gun rights are under attack and I believe that the only way we can protect ourselves is to pass constitutional carry reinforcing our right under the 2nd amendment. Many people cannot afford the licensing requirements so this would remove that barrier of them being able to exercise their constitutional right. Thank you.

Thomas Farral

self

Farmersville, TX

Under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, a well regulated (or well practiced) militia is necessary for the security of a free state. Infringement and demonization of firearms has hindered this country, especially that of Texas in our plight to preserve a Republic (as opposed to a Democracy or other form of government). The Second Amendment ought to be further preserved at the state level here in Texas, and I believe this bill does just that. The Second Amendment itself preserves the rest of our freedoms, not granted to us by the US and Texas Constitutions, but acknowledged as rights that government ought not to infringe upon in order to maintain a free and independent Republic, to which the United States is a free Republic, Texas is also a free Republic in a Union with other Republics. The government must remain in check, as the entire concept of Republicanism and Federalism rest upon checks and balances, from the people it is supposed to represent, as at times it can still become corrupt, or far to Democratic so that highly urbanized areas can get their way at the State level without much say from smaller more rural areas, to which local policy should be implemented, not state policy. The passage of this bill would allow the citizens of Texas to further exercise a right endowed by their Creator and preserved by the United States Constitution, with less infringement upon that right. The infringements endured by the Texan people ought to be illegal under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, but as a People we have let infringement after infringement pass, with little to no evidence that it would actually be for the common good. Only misrepresented statistics are championed and used to say it's better for the People. Typically, within full context, these statistics tend to support that of the people who would press for less gun regulations, as criminals and government alike do not abide by these restrictions. These infringements only apply the free people to which they disarm and hinder, and who are caused the most harm. To protect the overall citizenry of the People of the greatest state and country to ever grace the world, I urge that this bill pass into law to continue to hinder encroaching governmental authority that is headed to authoritarianism and centralization, both of which are destructive, not only to a free people, but of any historical society which has walked the earth. Authoritarianism of the 20th century alone killed millions of people who did not have the same rights we have today in the US and in Texas, notable the right to bear arms in defense of self and country. I do not want the same for Texas, and the passage of this bill would be one step in the positive direction that the Free People of the Republic of Texas will always be able to defend themselves from criminals and government alike, as both are a threat to any society which would like to remain free. Thank you for your time.

Henry Silvestriz-Lora, Dr.

Optimum Wellness Institute

Lewisville, TX

Support

Kelly Olsen

Self

Alpine, TX

I believe in Constitutional Carry. It makes us all safer against criminals that are not going to wait for a LTC. Four of the five safest states are constitutional carry states. I'm a disabled woman who would be at a great disadvantage if attacked and need a way to protect myself.

MelissaMelissa Pope

Self

Bedford, TX

I support this liberty.

Katherine Kelton

Self

Leander, TX

I ask that you vote yes on HB1238. I think constitutional carry is a deterrent to crime. If criminals know that people may have a weapon on them, I believe the criminal will be less inclined to commit a crime.

Janie Brittain

Self , Retired Systems Engineer

Gsrland, TX

I strongly support HB 1238 and Constitutional Carry. The right to keep and bare arms for defense is inalienable, and is protected under the Constitution. No government has the right to restrict this inalienable right.

Michelle Herskowitz

Self

Houston, TX

My family goes back five generations in Texas. I was also raised in a hunting family of veterans, and I did work for the NRA in the 1980s. Clearly, we appreciate our gun culture in Texas and support the second amendment. We also support our current Texas's License to Carry system, which helps keep Texas families safe by making sure that people carrying handguns in public pass background checks and demonstrate responsible gun ownership. When I see someone openly carrying in our state, I know they've been through the rigor to know how to use that firearm. However, I -- and my entire family -- believe all bills related to permitless carry including 1911 are dangerous to Texans if you remove those protections training and background checks. I can't imagine the committee having the gall to consider this bill following so many shootings in this state and recently. PLEASE vote NO on this bill in the interest of public safety.

Dennis Prather

Self

MIDLOTHIAN, TX

I Support this Bill. All law abiding Citizens who choose to own, go hunting(Transporting), target shooting, Competitions or anything otherwise, Should be able to do so without any repercussions

Julie Dahlberg

Self

LA VERNIA, TX

I support HB1238 for Constitutional Carry

- Licensing is an unnecessary additional step to be able to protect myself or others
- Barrier to those of limited means to pay for licensing or may not have a licensing facility close and need to take time off work to go through the process.
- Law inconveniences law- abiding citizens, while doing nothing to stop criminals who wouldn't obey the law anyway.

I am providing input in support of the two Constitutional Carry bills filed - both SB540 & HB 1238, with a preference toward HB1238, allowing adults (18 and older) who can legally possess a firearm to carry it, openly or concealed, without a permit. I am a mom of young adult children; I am licensed to carry in Texas and also serve on my church's safety response team as an armed protector.

Requiring an additional step of requesting a license and permission to exercise my right, creates a barrier to me being able to protect myself and potentially those around me. It also places a barrier between me and my ability to avoid potential victim, because I may not have the funds to pay for a license or need to miss time from work to travel and process an application for license renewal. This also disproportionately affects others who may be of even lesser means or live far from licensing facilities. This is especially the case of young adults, who while still responsible for their own safety and protection, are not permitted to legally carry a sidearm, should they have the need to protect themselves or others. This leaves my children and all adults who are younger than age 21 vulnerable in the event of life-threatening violence and unable to protect themselves.

A licensing requirement keeps law-abiding citizens from carrying their firearm without asking for permission, but does nothing to stop criminals, who would not follow the law anyway. One common objection to permitless carry - claiming a need for periodic criminal background checks as part of the renewal license period - is not valid in my opinion, since the enforcement of the loss of the right to possess a firearm should be carried out during the punitive phase of a conviction and would be criminalized and on record as such. Those who would possess a firearm, regardless of being prohibited from doing so by law, would not abide by the law regarding license application, prompting a background check.

Please vote yes on HB 1238.

Kimberly Wiley

Self. Professional driver

Wylie, TX

We need constitutional carry-now

Arthur Corona

Self/ construction worker

Baytown, TX

I want to keep these rights to protect my family and future generations. Also to be able to hunt and shooting sports with kids!
Thank You for your time.

Tina Hester

Retired

Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB 1238 for a number of reasons. First, it will not make Texas safer., only more dangerous. Second, there is no training required by anyone who decides to carry a concealed weapon. And lastly, violent criminals and drug abusers will have easier access to guns. Similar measures have not worked in other state. Texas will not be any different.

steve sulgrove

Self

FRISCO, TX

I am in 1000% SUPPORT of this Bill

Juan Saldana

Self

Mission, TX

Juan Saldana

Self

Mission, TX

I support HB 1238 because it will enable more of us law-abiding gun owners have the chance to exercise our Second Amendment rights further and be able to defend ourselves and others easily in our homes, streets, and communities. Gun control proponents claim that bills such as this one will lead to wild-west esque shootings; however, this is not true. States that have passed Constitutional Carry saw lower violent crime rates. Four of the top safest states are Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho).

Respectfully,

Juan Saldana

Mission, TX

Brandon Gonyea

Self

Killeen, TX

I as a very proud American and Texan feel that constitutional carry is the most accurate depiction of common sense gun legislation I am in favor of all bills regarding this topic especially HR 1238

Nathan Patrick
Self, Registered Nurse
Austin, TX

Vote against this bill! Aren't we all sick of people dying at the hands of people who should not have guns? We need more gun control, not less.

Heather FitzGerald
self
Azle, TX

I support this bill! Lawful concealed carry is part of our DNA here in Texas.

Solomon Bachman
Self - Private Security Contractor
Lancaster, TX

Chairman and Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of HB 1238 relating to Constitutional Carry. I'm sure many people have been here to extol the virtues of Constitutional Carry and repeat the statistics in favor of the aforementioned. I won't bore you by repeating those, instead I will talk about why this matters. You see, while Constitutional Carry seems like just one thing here in Texas, it really affects the entire country. Other state and Federal courts continue to rule in opposition to the Constitution, and the 2nd Amendment of such, as well as the natural right of the people to protect themselves from a variety of threats they face. The term "First Responder" is used frequently regarding Law Enforcement and Fire/Medical personnel, however there is another group that encounters danger much sooner and that is the people themselves. Let's face it, unless we start making pocket sized robot policemen, then the FIRST "group" to encounter dangerous situations most frequently is not "First Responders" but instead regular people going about their daily lives. Those people have a God Given right to carry the tools they need to protect themselves and their families; not just in their homes but wherever they go. That right is being eroded right now by laws in the State of Texas, by the Federal Government, and by courts around the country. More than ever we need to stand up and make the statement that we value the citizens of this state as more than mere serfs to the governments that they created. While this bill, and others like it are a great first step, we must act swiftly to decriminalize guns and other weapons, as well as "dangerous" accessories thereof, and make our statement. By passing Constitutional Carry, and getting the legislative intent of it on the record, we make a statement to the rest of the country that our rights are not negotiable, whether that be free speech or weapons. The bully mentality of the progressive agenda makes people feel alone and afraid, but by standing up and passing Constitutional Carry we can bring aid to our allies and empower them to seek liberty in their state just as our Founding Fathers did. In Closing, passing Constitutional Carry, and other Liberty oriented bills and restrict and remove the control of government of our everyday lives may be one of the MOST important things you can accomplish in your legislative careers. We are watching, we are taking notes, and we will hold our government accountable for it's actions.

William Howard
Americans and Veterans
Flower Mound, TX

Don't take my right to protect my family! I served my country to protect all our rights especially the 1st and 2nd amendments.

Jacob Hughes

Self - Technical Support

temple, TX

I support this bill. Constitutional carry has been long sought after in this great State. Statistically those who carry a firearm for self defense and defense of property and others are among the most law abiding citizens in the state. Even more so than our own public safety officers. This is not because of fear of incarceration, taking mandated licensing classes to go over state laws, or because we're required by some onerous law saying we must get training. We do all those things of our own free will, seeking knowledge and preparedness. Firearms licensing laws which require strict residency, large fees, multiple hoops to jump through and long waiting periods are a remnant of the Jim Crow era racism in this country. We need to show our trust and support of our fellow man regardless of skin color. We need a beaten single mother who just escaped from an abusive partner with her children, to immediately be able to defend herself and them; because a court ordered piece of flimsy paper never stopped a single criminal. It's beyond time for constitutional carry to pass in this state thank you.

Tony Espinosa II, Mr.

N/A

Eules, TX

The 2nd Amendment to the Constitution is the Governments "aknowledgment" of my "God given Right", that shall not be infringed. Period. I do not need any license, paper instrument, or ID to "lawfully" carry my firearm. Lets all pray for peace and love across the great land of Texas, but when there isn't we have a Right to defense, self-preservation, and life itself. GODSPEED.

Jo Foley

Self N/A

Henderson, TX

Please support HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927 and HB2900 which all are permitless carry proposals that would allow law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun without a state-issued License To Carry (LTC). The existing LTC law would not be repealed under these measures, and criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms would still be barred from carrying guns. Also, this legislation would not prevent the enforcement of any laws broken by criminals who misuse firearms. The Constitution gave us the right to keep and bear arms - they did not say 'ONLY if the government allows and gives you a permit'. We should not be dependent upon the whims of our governments as to whether we do or do not keep our rights. This bill does not give free reign of terror to criminals, but is for the right and freedom of law-abiding citizens.

Heather Fazio

Self

Austin, TX

I support this legislation. Texans should not need government permission to keep and bear arms.
Thank you for your leadership, Rep. Biedermann!

Robbie McDaniel

Grassroots Gold, Self

Lubbock, TX

I'm testifying FOR HB 1238

I want to thank the Chairman and Committee for bringing this legislation forward and providing this forum for debate and discussion.

The Founding Fathers of the United States of America provided U.S citizens the right to keep and bear arms with the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution.

The Constitution is the touchstone for everything we do in this country, and every elected official takes an oath to protect and defend the Constitution.

No other licenses or permits should be required for law abiding U.S. citizens to keep and bear arms for the purpose of protecting life and safety.

Please vote FOR HB 1238

Thank you,

Robbie McDaniel
Lubbock, TX.

Jade Naaman

Self

Round Rock, TX

Article 1 Section 23 of the Texas Constitution protects our right to bear arms, and only authorized the legislature to regulate the wearing of arms (not acquisition) by stating "the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime."

The key phrase here is "WITH A VIEW TO PREVENT CRIME". Requiring a plastic card (such as an LTC) does not prevent crime. How enforceable is it to know if someone carrying a firearm has an LTC or not without running foul of the "unreasonable search" clauses of both the federal and State Constitutions?

How does it "prevent crime" to allow businesses to post signs banning concealed carry, for example (30.06)?

Not only should a permit not be required, but banning concealed carry is asinine, and turns businesses, hospitals, movie theaters, etc. into targets for the criminal, the crazy, and the terrorist.

Carrying a gun openly or concealed should be without a permit.

ALSO, businesses should not be able to ban concealed carry, because such bans only affect those who follow the law and the signs, and turns business patrons into disarmed victims.

The State Legislature should not be in the business of subsidizing criminal acts - in other words, the State of Texas should not help criminals and disarm the law abiding.

Gun-free zones, therefore, should be abolished too.

Gabriella Gunter

Self, Midwife, CPM, LM

Cason, TX

I support House Bill 1238. At the moment laws requiring that a Texas Citizen have to have a license to carry a gun that he/she owns is an infringement of our 2nd amendment rights. It is shameful that Texas is so far behind 15 other states that allow their citizens their full 2nd amendment rights. There is no good reason to curtail this right. It has been shown in numerous studies that violent crime decreases when lawful gun ownership and carry increase. (John Lott and David Mustard (1997), Lott (2000) and Bronars and Lott (1998))

It is no mere coincidence that the top 3 safest states according to data from the FBI are all constitutional carry states. (Weingarten)

Dean Weingarten, "Top Three Rated "Safe States" are Constitutional Carry States" Ammoland Inc. Posted on September 9, 2019 <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/top-three-rated-safe-states-are-constitutional-carry-states/#ixzz6q8tCCrik>

Dwayne Collins

Myself and my family

Ben Wheeler, TX

Testimony in favor of HB 1238

My name is Dwayne Collins and I represent myself and my family. I am a Benefactor Member of the NRA as well as a member of the Gun Owners of America.

You are probably saying to yourselves who is this guy that shows up to a hearing in camo, he must be wanting to be noticed and you would be right. I want you to remember me and what I have to say.

I am wearing this camo because as soon as I finish here tonight and several nights after that I will be joined with other members of our group the Texas Border Volunteers. We station at night with night vision equipment below Falfurrios at the Rio Grande sectors busiest check point spotting illegals trying to enter our country. We report those individuals to the Border Patrol who apprehend them.

The major media would have you believe that all these illegals are children and families. They fail to tell you of the cartels, drug runners and sex traffickers all who pose a threat to the citizens of our state. Every citizen is entitled to the right to defend themselves against such individuals.

I have been the victim of many crimes in my lifetime. Several I had a direct confrontation with the burglars. I would like to mention 3 of those incidences.

First : At 2:00 in the morning I subdued a drug addict who had broken into my veterinary clinic. I held him at bay until the Harris County deputy arrived to arrest him.

Second: I thwarted a robbery in progress in Tyler by chasing the burglar from the store into the parking lot where his accomplice was waiting in a car. I then became the pursued as they tried to run me down. Just before being hit, my legs taken out from under me and then run over, I thought to jump up. I rolled over the hood and windshield and onto the pavement. During all this I managed to get the make, model, and partial license plate. Those individuals were eventually apprehended.

Third: Last year at 9:30 at night I was passing my clinic where I noticed car lights behind the building. I pulled around back where upon two suspects ran from the back door where they were trying to break in, jumped in their car and the chase was on. It went for 30 miles sometimes reaching speeds of 100 mph. They managed to out run me but not my radio. You see I am a volunteer fire fighter and have a radio to county dispatch. The DPS apprehended them on I-20 where they found drugs and other paraphernalia in their vehicle.

I felt relative safe during that confrontation because I had 2 pistols and an AR-15 with a 30 round clip and night vision scope on the seat beside me.

My county of Van Zandt is 860 sq. miles. After dark there are only 2 deputy sheriffs on duty. 911 response time is usually 30 minutes or more. That is a long time to be defenseless.

The 2nd Amendment states that, “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

All law-abiding citizens have the right to bear arms and Constitutional Carry only confirms that right.

Molly White

Self

Temple, TX

I support this bill.

Patsy Boatright

Self. Homemaking

Maryneal, TX

I support hb1238. Gun laws cannot stop criminals from obtaining firearms

Melanie Greene

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Austin, TX

I am opposed to any measure that removes or makes optional our License To Carry permitting system. I am from a family of gun owners who have their LTC, and we all think it's ridiculous to allow people to carry loaded firearms in public without any training requirement. Our permitting system is a good one. Please oppose HB1238 and any other bill that moves Texas toward permitless carry. Here is my video tweet about this issue: <https://twitter.com/melcgreene/status/1375086206124490759?s=20>

Heather L Schultz

Self

Devine, TX

We support constitutional carry. It is our God given and constitution given right. Texas should've been constitutional carry all along.

Mckenzie Best

Self

Highland Village, TX

As a citizen of the US and the great State of Texas, we have the right to keep and bear arms. This is our 2nd amendment right and it should not be infringed upon. All legal citizens who are not convicted of a crime should be able to possess, to transport and to store any firearm.

Susan Kelly

Self; Retired

Austin, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment, however I believe permitless carry is dangerous. The handgun permitting system in Texas requires training on how to carry firearms responsibly in public. Permitless carry would strip away this critical safety component. Our state's handgun permitting system ensures that only responsible gun owners can carry handguns in public. Permitless carry would remove these safeguards and allow carry by people who currently cannot get a permit, including violent criminals and people who are chemically dependent. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation. Thank you.

Josh Rains

Self

Snyder, TX

I support this bill, it's our God given right to hold and carry a fire arm, to protect ourselves. With the boarder crisis and lawlessness going on in our country, we need to be able to provide protection for our families, communities, and ourselves.

Emilie Norrell

Self

Canton, TX

I support this

Thomas Lipiec

Self

Austin, TX

I support all Constitutional Carry bills.

"Shall Not Be Infringed". That statement is very clear! Please pass Constitutional Carry!

Matt Parker

Self

New Braunfels, TX

It's disappointing to see that all too often, after a tragic event, the law abiding citizens are blamed and punished rather than the criminal who chose to commit the crime. This is the case whenever a shooting takes place. Law abiding citizens exercising their God given, second amendment rights, prevents more tragedies from occurring. That fact is undeniable. Constitutional carry is what our founding fathers believed in for a better tomorrow, as a proud Texan, I'm not alone in believing the same. We have the right to protect ourselves from those who wish to enact evil in our lives.

Janine Islam, Dr

Self Physician

Tyler, TX

As a physician I see the damage done to innocents by criminals who care nothing for the law and especially gun laws

Winnie J Morgan

Self

Llano, TX

I support this bill because it supports our God given right to protect ourselves as guaranteed by the US Constitution. We must support this in order to remain a free people.

Carol Doucet

Self - Retired

Frost, TX

I'll start with a question...Why must I ask government permission to arm myself in order to protect and defend myself, my family or anyone in harms way of someone bringing harm or other matters of protection?

Myself, I would prefer to conceal carry, but I believe all law abiding citizens have the inherent right, if they choose, to carry their firearm, with or without a LTC.

According to Texas Government Code 411.172, a person must be at least 21 yoa to for a LTC, under state and federal law and must meet many other requirements.

And yes, the lawful purchase and ownership comes with personal responsibility to learn and train, which just comes with the territory. That territory should also be trusted by our legislators in knowing that we take our personal freedoms seriously. Being responsible in knowing how important this issue is is just the first step in making sure our rights are just as important to you as they are to those of us in getting this bill passed.

Thank you.

DEBRA RETHABER

Self

Kingsland, TX

It is ashame, that any citizen has to beg and pay, for their God Given Rights, the right of the people of the United States Of America to Bear Arms.

Rebecca George

Na

Houston, TX

Protect our 2nd Amendment

Joseph Walker

Self

Spring, TX

We the people are sick and tired of the tyranny of the state and their support of law enforcement of the denying of our constitutional rights in being forced to pay for constitutional rights / the state is supporting the criminals in government and the criminals against WeThePeople

Joseph Combs

Self/ Occupation :Critical Environment Technician

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill,

Constitutional Carry is critical for our state, law abiding citizens shouldn't have to jump through government hoops to be able to have access to there 2nd Amendment rights and the ability to protect themselves.

I understand that it's my personal responsibility to keep myself and my family safe and I believe that having barriers such as permits does more harm then good.

Very respectfully,
Joseph

P.S. Parker

self

Georgetown, TX

I fully support this bill.

Robert White

Self

Selma, TX

My hope is that you will be in support of this legislation that would remove the barrier for law abiding citizens, who can legally own and purchase a firearm, to carry the firearm with them in order to provide security and protection for themselves and their families.

Respectfully,

Dr. Robert D White, D.C.
Captain, U.S. Army Retired

Kathleen Silkworth

self

Houston, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Jason sStein

Self, sales representative

Dallas, TX

Our Constitutional rights have been stepped on for too long, please support this bill as you took an oath to uphold our constitution, all of it.

Thank you.

Tim Riggs

Public

Memphis, TX

I support this bill

Daniel Blahuta, Mr

Self, Retired

Whitesboro, TX

Vote yes on HB 1238

Kirk Lewis

Self

Muleshoe, TX

I urge positive reviews and recommendations towards all these bills, HB918, HB1238, HB1911, HB1927. Please affirm the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution by further removing infringements on our self defense right.

Thank you

Andrew Thompson

Self, Attorney

Harker Heights, TX

Please support this legislation. The United States Constitution has a very simple directive on our right to bear arms; SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. Opponents of the people who seek to chip and slowly undermine their citizen's rights have been ignoring this directive for years. Supporting this legislation would send a strong message. It would be a first step at undoing the damage that

has been done to our rights over the last 100 years. The current licensing requirements do nothing to stop crime or save lives. If anything the current licensing requirements hinder and discriminate against financially disadvantaged people. These people are often the most in need of the ability to legally protect themselves. If someone is legally allowed to possess a firearm, there should not be any restriction on their ability to legally keep and bear that arm. Please help us join the growing number of states that have authorized similar legislation and allow your citizens to legally protect themselves. Please help undo the damage to the 2nd amendment that so many before you have done. Please support this legislation and move it on to its next phase of legislation!

William Gallagher

Self (Retired)

Mabank, TX

Please pass this bill without diluting it. We are safer as a sovereign state if our God given rights of protection are protected by this bill.

Joseph Armour

Self / Firearms Instructor

Montgomery, TX

As a firearms instructor, I get the opportunity to teach law-abiding Texans how to safely and properly use firearms for their potential self-defense both inside and outside of their own property. Unfortunately, many more Texans fail to seek and receive this valuable, life-saving training due to the onerous license to carry (LTC) requirements currently imposed by the State of Texas.

Texans shouldn't have to ask the state for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. Our great state is often regarded as the freest state in our country, yet Texas requires law-abiding citizens to ask for permission to exercise a God-given right. In fact, a majority of states in the U.S. don't require a license to carry a handgun in some form.

Requiring a license hurts those who are poor, busy, rural, etc. It also keeps potential victims from being able to defend themselves right away. But it does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law.

Anyone 18 years or older who can legally possess a handgun should be able to carry it, open or concealed, without asking for permission. Constitutional Carry legislation can still maintain the LTC system as an option for those who would like an LTC (for gun purchase and reciprocity), and it would still prohibit handgun carry by people who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Texas must recognize the right to carry a handgun without a license. Please pass Constitutional Carry in Texas. It is the right thing to do for all law-abiding Texans.

Charles Vahrenkamp

Myself - Retired

Belton, TX

I support HB 1238 and/or HB 2900. Texas has long been known as a state that is strong on 2nd amendment rights. Having said that, Texas is not the only state that has a long history of strong 2nd amendment support. But it is currently one of the very few pro 2nd amendment states that does not have a permitless carry/constitutional carry law on the books.

I'd like to remind each of us that the 2nd amendment isn't the only amendment that comes into play during these discussions. The 9th states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." And the 10th states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

One of the most important rights “retained by the people” is the right to life and the right to defend your life and/or the lives of members of your family. This right was not granted to us by the constitution or any government. It was granted to us by God when we were born.

My reasons for supporting HB 1238 and 2900 are:

- 1) Each of us are responsible for defending our lives and the lives of our family even if we don't possess an LTC permit. It is not realistic for anyone to believe law enforcement agencies can provide this protection.
 - 2) It is unreasonable for the state of Texas to have laws on the books that prevent any law-abiding citizen, that can legally own a firearm, from being able to carry that firearm anywhere they go. Criminals are predators by nature. They usually ambush their victims when they least expect it. This means a person may only have a few seconds, at best, to make the decision to defend themselves. Due to our age, size, handicaps, etc. many of us don't have the ability to defend ourselves using hand to hand combat so carrying a firearm, that is quickly accessible, may be the only option we have to defend ourselves.
 - 3) Anyone that owns a firearm is responsible for learning how to use it safely, legally, and proficiently. The current LTC course provides a brief overview of the laws concerning the use of deadly force. But it does not provide any sort of firearms training. So, eliminating the need for an LTC permit does not mean that people carrying a firearm will have less firearms training.
 - 4) There are other similar house bills (1927, 1587, 1911) that have been introduced. I support HB 1238 or HB 2900 because they are less restrictive than most of the other bills. However, I would like to see the 30.05 provision in HB 1927 added to these bills. It states that it is a defense to prosecution if the person promptly departed from the property.
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Charles Friday

self

Sugar Land, TX

I Charles Friday a lawful gun owner of Texas support HB1238 to carry a firearm in Texas without a LTC permit . Passing this law will send a message to all that Texas believes in the rule of law and supports the Constitution of Texas and the United States. There are evil forces at work to control everything from cars, lawn mowers to how much energy a person can use. Let's pass this bill and send a message "Don't mess with Texas".

David Axberg, Mr

Self

Carrollton, TX

With the growing number of personal attacks in our street & our homes, the need for personal protection has never been higher. Our constitution has given me the a ability to protect those that I love and care for. I don't believe my government should restrict or infringe upon the ability.

Sonja Keen

Self semi retired

Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill. Criminals don't follow the rules. They will ALWAYS have guns. The only way to even the playing field is if we the people are allowed bear arms and protect ourselves.

Mark Calabrese

Self - Financial Svcs Mgr

Tomball, TX

I fully support HB1238 and encourage its passage. Thank you.

Terry Frazier

Self, independent firearms safety trainer

Tyler, TX

As a registered Texas voter I fully support HB 1238 and urge you to vote YES on this bill.

Barbara Brashear

Hood County Republican Chair Precinct12

Granbury, TX

I support this bill

NOemi Fragoso

SElf unemployed due to CoVid19

El Paso, TX

Support this bill.

Stop limiting citizens.

If I need a license to protect myself then you are infringing on my rights.

These silly bans and restrictions only limit law abiding people. When will common sense be used? Criminals don't care what licensing you place on society, they will take a gun anywhere.

Rose Ripa

Self

Round Rock Blvd, TX

One only needs to look to the past to predict the future. Historically all aims at reducing self-protection have been run with tyrannical governments, aimed at reducing all the freedoms the Bill of Rights made sure to enforce and deem inalienable. Statistically, Washington, D.C.'s gun ban worsened the city's homicide rate. To add to this statistic the vast majority of mass shootings occur in gun-free zones. Looking at other developed western nations- Uk and Australia- we see the problems espousing gun control zones: an increase of all crimes, armed robberies were up 69%, assaults with guns up 28%, gun murders increased 19%, and home invasions jumped 21%. Not only is this proof that not only does gun control not work, it makes it safer for the criminals at large. A self Protected protected populous creates for a safer and politer society.

Andrew Dickey

Self - Logistics Director

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Alexandra Chasse
Moms Demand Action
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill. Permits and licensing should be required for ANY gun carry. Permitless carry is unsafe and uncivil and had correlated with an INCREASE in gun violence in states which have allowed it. Do not further loosen gun laws in TX.

Steve Hunt
Self CEO of Consulting Engineering company based in Texas
Tyler, TX

Dear Sir,

I would like to say that I am fully in support of Texans being able to carry firearms and support constitutional carry laws.

My Background is that I have until two years ago lived in Alberta Canada but moved to Texas relocating our company here for the economy and in particular because of the Texas way of doing things and in particular gun laws.

In spite of holding all available permits in Canada, even for prohibited weapons we are not allowed to carry or even use firearms for self defense.

The police when called are often half an hour away or wont even come when an intruder is actually in the house. Instructions from 911 is usually to go and hide in a closet, difficult to do if you have kids in the house.
If you defend yourself the culprit gets free legal aid to sue the home owner and the police will charge you as well.

Criminals know this is how things work, they are armed and enter homes and steal peoples property with impunity. Young women are attacked on public transit and making their way to cars in office and shopping mall parking lots. This happens all the time and is recorded on CCTV. Nobody comes to their aid in time to prevent the situation. They are defenseless just like fish in a barrel waiting to be picked off.

As soon as we had Texas tags on our vehicles after moving here we felt safer because the assumption is Texans are carrying firearms. Road rage is almost non existent here.
In places without guns the criminals have the upper hand and it shows in every day life. The criminals are completely unaffected by any laws as they keep none of them and often enjoy free legal aid to help them after breaking laws..

I urge you to fully support constitutional carry and all pro gun laws including the second amendment as this is the great equalizer between law abiding and non law abiding citizens.

Don't let Texas or the US turn into Canada where law abiding people have no defense.

Regards
Steve Hunt

Jerome Simpson, MSgt
Self Retired militray and Retired Police
HARKER HEIGHTS, TX

1. The Concealed carry permit is essentially class warfare because poor people cannot afford to carry a weapon for self defense. In a time of social unrest and a massive increase in crime due to cuts in policing and police officers not being able to act proactively.; personal protection is essential to survival and a god given right.
2. As a military veteran of 20 years in front line combat units and serving in combat zones and a medically retired police officer due to physical injuries sustained defending my country and community it is sad I spent my life protecting others and live in pain everyday and I have to apply for a permit to carry a pistol or qualify every year with a police dept. that is undermanned and over worked. It is a clear violation of the US 2nd Amend and makes me question the sacrifices I and my bothers and sisters have made.
3. Eighteen year old's serve and die for our country, but cannot obtain a permit. The current system leaves eighteen to 20 year old's defensive.

As a Police officer I responded to crimes after the fact people have to be able to defend themselves you chance of a COP preventing or stopping an assault on you is less than 3%.

Please act to let Texas be free

MSgt Simpson Retired USAF TACP and Patrol Sgt and SWAT Operator and Team leader

Glenn Arnold

Self

Pasadena, TX

I support HB 1238 because on increasing and daily basis Texans face unimaginable threats from enemies long known from all over the world coming over a federally unprotected border to do us harm and thus undermine our peace and tranquility that has been fought for by our ancestors and ourselves and often at the point of paying the ultimate sacrifice. The evil accompanying these unwelcome people have proven time and again to stop at nothing to achieve their evil goals thus often leaving freedom loving Texans only one way to deal with them in self-defense. Both the letter and spirit of our constitution provides an individual's right and ability to defend themselves from such threats and without asking for permission from a government to do so.

Currently the compromised federal government has moved to restrict to the point of elimination the ability of a free people to defend themselves and their families from deadly threats. Never before have I seen such treasonous and deceitful actions perpetrated by those in the very positions created to protect and preserve the rights they are working to take from us. Clearly the only thing that may keep those rights intact are those efforts of the individual states. With the federal government failing in part by refusing to secure our vulnerable borders and cities Texans must count on ourselves to pass such legislation that will afford us the most unimpeded abilities to protect ourselves and our way of life made possible by the retention of God-given individual liberties.

Texans have waited far too long for our rights to keep and bear arms to be fully restored. The time to pull ourselves out from under the dark cloud of revenge unlawfully imposed upon Texans at the end of the War of Northern Aggression must be finally and absolutely removed NOW and allow Texans to recover and responsibly realize the individual freedoms of all Texans to be safe and secure in our individual liberties. Removal of the final impediments to our freedoms is something this legislative session can and for all reasons must pass. I am thankful for the opportunity to express my viewpoints to this legislative session and I thank you all for your time and consideration. God bless Texas.

Jeric Swinson

Self

Waxahachie, TX

A man that lets his government determine how he is allowed to defend himself, is at a disadvantage. He is even more so at a disadvantage against said government, in the event it ever comes to that, and our politicians, and political process become so corrupted as that eventuality ?ever becomes necessary.

I support this bill on those two basic principles alone, and I urge others to do so as well. If this past years political climate, and wildly swinging policies on a range of issues are any glimpse of what is to come 'uncertainty' and change in unpredictable ways may be on all of our mutual horizons. We all have interests that may be in power one day, and not the next. Coming administrations may be even more apt to have wild disregard for our interests in Texas, and as individual citizens.

As much as it saddens me to see the current federal climate on the second amendment make bills like this become ever more so necessary to 'codify' into law what was obviously granted by our mutual forefathers, and seems to be disregarded more and more...

It is time.

Present law dictating LTC requirement are already an infringement, this bill merely correct bad policy and decision making. And it's a long time overdue.

Things like the current events in Boulder are less common in Texas for a reason. Criminally minded people don't 'know' who's packing, and that's a good thing. Criminals and tyrannical governments all historically 'prefer' unarmed peasants. And that's not by accident. Laws like this will save lives, by giving the desperate, the crazy, and the criminally minded PAUSE before they commit heinous acts in Texas. And that's not a bad thing.

The side effect of not making criminals out of otherwise law abiding citizens just wishing to exercise their _options_ to have available to them the tools necessary in the event they ever have to use their rights to self defense in a time of need, is all the more reason to support this.

Various interests seem to have in interest in exploiting and bringing to the for-view of us all the divides between us, to exploit them for their own gain. More so than ever I believe in a persons right to defend themselves during potential coming times of uncertainty, and change. And I believe countless Texans would agree with me about the importance to make sure this becomes law.

Denis Session

Self

Dallas, TX

I fully support hb1238 , I think this will not only help for people who are not financially able to apply for special license just to exercise our rights , it will also ease the burden on the amount of legislation the average gun owner as to navigate to stay in compliance with current law

Kim Graham, Dr.

self, medical writer

Houston, TX

As a Texas resident, mother, and health communications specialist, I strongly oppose this legislation. Permitless carry legislation would allow people to carry handguns, openly or concealed, in public places without a permit, criminal history check, or safety training--essentially dismantling Texas's system of responsible gun ownership. Texas's handgun permitting system requires training on how to carry firearms responsibly in public. Permitless carry would strip away this critical safety component. Emerging evidence links weakened firearm permitting at the state level with increased gun violence. Law enforcement experts, firearm trainers, and military personnel overwhelmingly agree that people who carry concealed weapons in public should take firearm training, including live-fire training.

Spencer Houghton

Self. Sales

Georgetown, TX

I fully support HB 1238

Antonio Villalon

El Huizachal Ranch

Kingsville, TX

I fully agree with HB 1238- All Citizens who have not committed crimes nor are mentally impaired, have the right to possess, carry, transport & store firearms, under the 2nd. Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

R. Greg & Sharon Blankennagel, Mr. & Mrs.

Self

Hawkins, TX

Dear Sir !!

-SUPPORT HB 1238, 1911, 1927, 2900 (Constitutional Carry)

-SUPPORT HB 1094 (Domestic Violence Victim Carry)

-SUPPORT HB 1069 (First Responder Carry)

-OPPOSE HB 127 (bans carry of long guns outside your property)

-OPPOSE 1039 (requires DPS to post LTC #'s of suspended or revoked licenses online)

No watered down, useless versions !

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Greg & Sharon Blankennagel

Carla Spraggins

Self/Registered nurse, retired

La Vernia, TX

As a lifelong Texan, veteran, and patriotic American, I strongly support this bill.

Jenny Harper

SELF

Booker, TX

I support this bill. I believe strongly that all citizens of the USA should have lawful access to firearms in order to protect their person, families, and neighbors in the event of harm or deadly force. Criminals will not abide by law and order therefore law abiding citizens must be able to protect themselves. I understand that many have the idea that guns kill people but the reality is that a gun is an object and there must be someone to pull the trigger. Firearms must be handled with care and respect as to the potential harm that it could cause to persons however keep in mind former civilization used spears, stones, knives and all of these items are useless unless they have a hand a to hold them.

Christina Hodnett

Director of Lone Star Gun Rights

Austin, TX

I fully support HB 1238 and its contents herein. I move to pass Constitutional Carry in Texas.

Jeff Rufolo

Self

Addison, TX

Constitutional carry is a right that should not be prohibited yo law abiding citizens.

chelsea teschner

Self

Prosper, TX

I support the 2nd Amendment, however allowing permitless carry is dangerous and bad for our communities. At what point, does the safety of our children and community matter more than carrying a gun without license, training or background check? This is going to further enable lawlessness and encourage mass shootings.

Alexander Mudrovich

self

FORT WORTH, TX

I have been a law abiding resident of Texas my entire life, and I speak for all of my law abiding Texans. It is shameful we must pass a Bill to protect our 2nd Amendment rights as is granted by our nation constitution. Yet the necessity to do so in today's political climate becomes increasingly more apparent. Never has there been an example of firearm restrictions and regulations implication that can be empirically proven to result in a reduction of crime or violence. Research, in fact, proves the opposite to be true: the less firearm regulations placed on a community, the less crime and violence occurs in that community. Because homemade firearms are becoming more advanced and easy to make, given the availability of today's publically available hardware and materials, restrictive 2A policies are becoming increasingly ineffective.

This bill will allow law abiding citizens the greated opportunity to safely possess, carry, and transport firearms.

James Whitley

Self, Retired

Haltom City, TX

I support all Bills that support our SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS; please, I implore you to support this Bill by Congressman Biedermann.

The current Federal Congress and President are constructing a major assault on our Second Amendment and Texas needs to be at the forefront in the fight against this aggression.

Larry Jung

Self

Palestine, TX

According to the 2nd Amendment of the USA there isn't any prohibition to anyone keeping and bearing arms. We need to observe this and make or have any law prohibiting anyone from keeping and bearing any arms if they so desire without requiring any license or permit to do so. We should however prosecute and punish severely anyone who uses any weapon in the commission of a crime.

Amanda Andeen

Self - retail pharmacy

Buda, TX

Pass it.

James Kirkpatrick

Self

Tyler, TX

I support this bill as it seeks to defend the constitution as intended by founding fathers. I believe that citizens should have the right to defend themselves as outlined in the 2nd amendment.

Joe sanchez

self

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill, it is my right as a United States law abiding citizen and feel safer being able to defend my life against violent criminals.

Beverly Beadel

Myself

Lake Jackson, TX

I support

Jeff Reynolds

Concerned Citizen

Flower Moind, TX

I support this bill.

The right to self defense is ordained and protect by the laws of nature and nature's God, falling outside the jurisdiction of civil government to either grant or restrict.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”

Francesca Gunter

Self

Cason, TX

I support this bill as it aids and supports good citizens who wish to protect and defend themselves and those around them.

David Pounds, Mr.

none

Goliad, TX

HR1238 & 2900

Timothy Edmondson

Self/ Independent Contractor

Fort Worth, TX

I am an Army vet, an owner of firearms, a Texas resident, and I support HB 1238. If at age 18 I can join our armed forces and qualify to shoot various military weapons, including a handgun, and be trusted to save American lives, it is very puzzling why I would have to be licensed to carry on top of that, let alone allow our government who is sworn to defend the constitution, to enforce that people ask permission to carry a handgun when it is a right that I'd die for.

Even for people who haven't served, it is unacceptable that Texans must ask the government for permission to exercise their right to carry a handgun. (See U.S. Constitution article vi, section 2, and amendment 2.)

Requiring a license does nothing to stop criminals, because they are already determined to break the law. No criminal has ever said, “I want to go rob, assault, murder, etc. – but I have to wait for my license to carry to come in.” But every day, honest Texans who want to carry a gun simply to be safe from violent criminals are forced to wait

for their permit so they can carry legally, while being vulnerable.

GOA studies reveal that "violent crime rates generally go down within five years after a state passes Constitutional Carry. Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states. In 2019, four out of the top five safest states were Constitutional Carry states (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Idaho.) Repealing the training requirement does not endanger public safety. States that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily, and public safety stays the same or improves."

Constitutional carry is a right that needs to be protected from all enemies, both foreign and domestic.

Lorra Houghton

Self

Georgetown, TX

I Fully Support HB 1238

Daniel Hannon

self, self

Oglesby, TX

I support HB1238. It's time for Texas to join the increasing number of states to recognize that law abiding citizens should not be asked to pay a fee or apply for a license to protect their lives, families, and beloved members of their communities. The current laws make no sense. If I need to walk down the road to check a neighbor's livestock in an area known to have rattlesnakes, I must carry a rifle or shotgun instead of a handgun. That's very inconvenient, but it's the reality today, unless I pay and take a class.

The vast majority of Texans have not paid the fee, and so are in possession of tools that they are only allowed to use for defense on their own property. It is unjust to make it so difficult for mothers and fathers to protect their families.

In the volatile environment of 2021, with all the national overreach being talked of, the Texas legislature should recognize that more law abiding Texans than ever before are concerned about crackdowns on them if they put their name out there as a Texan who carries by applying for a permit. Removing the licensing requirement as this bill and other bills before the committee today intend to do is the strongest, and I feel the only assurance the legislature can send to us that you support our right to keep and bear arms and intend to protect it.

Mark Dill

Self

Midland, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I'm contacting you regarding HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927 and HB 2900. It is my understanding that public comment on these bills is being considered today by the Texas House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety.

I strongly support each of these bills. During this time of extraordinary civil unrest and calls to defund the police, both of which have contributed to widespread property damage, injury and even death, it is imperative that law abiding Texans be afforded full

exercise of their Second Amendment right. This important right has been infringed in Texas, with respect to handguns.

Eighteen state governments have corrected similar injustices and now allow law-abiding citizens to more fully exercise their God-given, constitution right. I strongly encourage you to afford the same to law-abiding Texans.

Please allow these bills to pass out of committee to the House of Representatives, so the will of Texans may be fully expressed through the legislative process.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Mark S. Dill

Juan Rodriguez

Self

San antonio, TX

Please support constitutional carry

Paul Milsaps

Self, Retired

CALDWELL, TX

I am writing to comment on HB 1238, HB1911 and HB 2900. All three bills dealing with constitutional carry. I would like to stay that constitutional carry does not discriminate anyone for their financial situation or their physical strengths or limitations. The bottom line for constitutional carry is if you are legal to own a firearm you are legal to carry that firearm. I strongly support these bills and humbly ask you to do the same.

Thank you

Paul Milsaps

Shari Stailey-Floyd

Self - Unemployed

Round Rock, TX

Vote YES for for Constitutional Cary in the Homeland Security hearing - HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900. Thank you!

Ashley T Hillin

Self Petroleum

Tyler, TX

Support

Marcus Durden

Lone Star Gun Rights

Kaufman, TX

We should not need a license to exercise our right of self protection

Keith Burnikell

Self

League City, TX

More than ever, law abiding Texas citizens need the ability to exercise their constitutional right to bear a firearm for protection. The process of applying for licenses is expensive and time consuming. It is an unfair burden on everyone and may actually aid criminals. I have a relevant datapoint: An acquaintance had passed all the requirements for his CHL and was simply waiting for his license to arrive in the mail. Being law-abiding, he was counting the days to be able to exercise his right to carry a firearm. While leaving Baybrook Mall parking lot a pair of robbers grabbed his daughter and held a knife to her throat. The hatred and vitriol from her attackers made him realize that she would be harmed regardless. Unarmed, his only choice was to distract, grab the blade and knock them away from his daughter. She watched in horror as they carved her father up like a shark mauling a seal. Waiting helpless for the state to issue a license and the police to arrive is very often a poor outcome for the honest and a boon for the criminal. HB1238 would have drastically changed this outcome. Lawlessness is overwhelming our law enforcement institutions. Just look at the border and our cities last summer. Texas HB1238 enables citizens to defend themselves long enough until help CAN arrive. And that might make all the difference in saving lives and making this a much more civil society.

Toni Fabry

Self

Tyler, TX

Please support HB 1238- as per our Constitution it is our God given right to protect ourselves.

Lamar Henry

self

Yorktown, TX

I strongly agree that this bill should be passed and become law.

Dorothy Lillig

self

Bellaire, TX

I'm a Texan who supports the 2nd amendment AND believes permitless carry is dangerous. Please act in the interest of public safety and OPPOSE all permitless carry legislation.

Michelle Duke

Republican Club at Heritage Ranch

Fairview, TX

Texas citizens deserve to have laws that support their wishes, this Constitutional Carry bill does just that. Please pass this bill for

all Texans!

Allen Hulstine Jr

Self

Denison, TX

I support this bill ... vote yes

Michael Shipman

Self, Financial Advisor

San Antonio, TX

Fully support. This is Constitutional law incorporated to the States and should be acknowledged as such.

Rosa Arellano

Self-Retired

Eagle Pass, TX

Support

Leslie Bankston

Self-Stay at Home Mom

Cedar Park, TX

As a mom of four kids I believe a firearm is my best defense when it comes to protecting my family. I support this bill for all of the families who have young children, where it would be impossible to get them to safety in a threatening situation. I support this bill for all citizens in Texas because it is a constitutional right, and don't we all have the right to protect our families?

Barry Williams

self, retired, former military

Austin, TX

Get 'er done!

James Reeves

Texas GOA

Austin, TX

I strongly support this bill

Nicholas Kugel

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please support constitutional carry and protect our 2nd ammendment rights.

Stacey Roberts

Roberts Ranch

Balmorhea, TX

I am in complete support of HB 1238 because I believe it helps support my ability to protect myself and my family when threatened by a bad guy with a gun. I have personally experienced violence at the hands of a criminal with a gun who robbed me at gun point. I was not armed or he wouldn't have gotten into my car. Many many rural Americans don't live where its convenient to take the lengthy requirements classes to get permission to carry that tool that might save their life. Pleaae vote yes on HB1238for other women like me who need this freedom saving bill! Let Texas join the rest of the q8 states who support our constitutional rights to carry our gun!

Margaret Cunningham, Ms

Self

Whitehouse, TX

I am in support of Constitutional Carry of firearms by those not otherwise prohibited from owning them.

Ruth York

Tea Party Patriots of Eastland County; Texas Family Defense Committee; self -- Direct Sales

Cisco, TX

These organizations (see above) and I are in support of HB1238. Speaking personally, the right to protect oneself should be inviolate, and particularly as a woman and mother of three daughters, I value the defensive capability of a handgun. As a right acquired at birth, as recognized in the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution, this right should not require my daughters and I to beg the government -- and then pay -- to exercise it.

Please support HB.

Kristin Cobb

Self

Spring, TX

The right of Texans to carry handguns must be recognized for those Texans who can legally possess a firearm. crimeresearch.org and other studies found that states that abandoned training requirements have found that people generally seek more training voluntarily and public safety either stay the same or improves. Criminals will not wait for their LTC, instead, law-abiding Texans who want to carry a gun for personal safety are forced to wait. It took me over 3 months to receive my LTC, it took my husband even longer.

Margo Connell

Self-Business

Loraine, TX

Shall not be Infringed!!!! The definition of the word infringed, means to limit or to encroach. My right to own and possess firearms, and everything related to them its just as critical and important as my free speech, my freedom of the press, or my freedom of religion. Being able to pursue life, liberty and happiness, is only possible if the fundamentals of my 2nd Amendments rights are protected without limits. It is not constitutional for government to feel obligated to track or regulate legal things, related to unalienable rights, that I posses and own in my home or on my property. I should be able to carry a firearm to protect my family at all times that I see necessary and not have to ask permission from my government to do it. That permission was already granted in the 1700s in our Constitution. Thank you for protecting and fighting to protect our freedoms, that is what government is for!!!

Daniel Ladd

self - IT professional

Austin, TX

I support HB 1238. As a law-abiding citizen of Texas and having served 16 in the United States Navy sworn to uphold the United States Constitution, I believe in personal responsibility and take great pride in being a law-abiding citizen and Veteran. The law-abiding are a great asset to our State and Country as backing Law Enforcement for the community good. At 62 I have been a law-abiding citizen my entire life and don't see that ever-changing. I have three children ranging in age from 32 to 17 who will tell you that their dad is who instilled in them the knowledge of right vs wrong and I have led by example. I have owned firearms since my parents gave me a shotgun for Christmas 1976. New Hampshire does not prohibit carry in any location besides courthouses, and it is consistently ranked one of the top 3 safest states. I urge the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety to approve HB 1238 and move it forward to the House of Representatives.

Roger Miller

Self

Winnie, TX

I support this bill and those Representatives who support it.

Melisha Corbitt

Self

Austin, TX

I am support HB 1238.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitutional states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." What other constitutionally protected right do we have to pay to exercise? The right to free speech? The right to religious freedom? Texans shouldn't have to pay for the right to protect themselves. Texans of a low socioeconomic class don't have the time or money to jump through all the hoops needed to secure a permit to carry a firearm. Dealing with the expense in getting a license is a huge disincentive. Constitutional carry makes it possible for ALL Texans to exercise their constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms, regardless of their income.

The main argument against constitutional carry is it's dangerous but look at Vermont. Vermont has never required a license to carry, and it is consistently ranked as one of the safest states.

I like the language of this bill. It's the least restrictive and you know exactly who can carry (lawful gunowners).

For these reasons I support HB 1238.

James Bergis

Self

New Braunfels, TX

in every measurable sense this bill makes Texans safer. the indoctrination of backwards emotional reasoning that gun control works, with 0 data to back it, should not be a deterrent from making our state safer. I support support support!!!!!!

Ed Fourton

Self

Abilene, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238

George Peralta, Chartered Financial Consultant

Self

Hillsboro, TX

If one is legally able to buy a firearm they should be legally allowed to carry it for protection! I was robbed at gun point by a felon who had just got out of prison the month before; he bought his gun from the black market, the same place they buy drugs! Police arrive AFTER the crime is committed!

Edward Riccarde

Self

Irving, TX

There are certain inherent expectations in being a Texan. The right to be unencumbered by the state in matters of self defense is one. The state of Vermont has unlicensed open and concealed firearms carrying citizens but not Texas. This should be rectified posthaste. If legislators of the great state of Texas are afraid to enable this natural right upon the citizenry while Vermont is not, we have deeper issues to bring to the forefront.

Michael Burton

Self - Electrician

Llano, TX

I urge your support for constitutional carry because, I believe that it allows a more secure environment for everyone. Just as the old cliche, "Locks are only for honest people." So goes regulations that limit the ability of a law abiding citizen to possess the means to deter a violent or criminal act or provide for self defense if the need arises. If an individual is of the frame of mind to commit an act of violence, especially in a "gun free zone", the last thing on that persons mind is a regulation that says they cannot possess a handgun.

Lisa Ventura, Mrs.

Myself

Arlington, TX

I support this bill for Constitutional Carry because I believe we should not have to apply for licensing to defend ourselves. I have been helping many women learn to use a firearm safely and some of them are doing it out of necessity. They should not have to live in danger while waiting for a license to arrive in the mail. Thank you for your consideration.

Audie Nelson

Self

Bastrop, TX

I support this bill.

Passage would remove the cost associated with protecting yourself and family.

Passage would restore the 2nd Amendment rights as laid out in the Bill of Rights.

Daniel Ventura, Mr.

Self, Husband, Father, and Aircraft

Arlington, TX

I support this bill and constitutional carry. The right to keep and bear was affirmed by the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. A state that requires law abiding citizens pay to exercise a right, is not a free state. Those opposed will complain about the "wild west" but they did the same in the 90's and we have proved them wrong. Let's take a step towards making Texas a free state.

Kevin Laseter

Self

Mount Calm, TX

I support this bill and support the right to constitutionally and freely and constitutionally carry without penalty of law a firearm be it open or conceal carry. We are guaranteed certain rights through the United States constitution, and the right to bear arms and freely carry a firearm to defend myself, my family, or those around me is part of that. Criminals do not obey the law, and the law cannot always be there to protect any of those mentioned above. I strongly urge you to not only consider this bill but to pass it as well. We the people demand our rights are upheld and that you uphold your oath to not only represent the people but to also uphold the Constitution of the United States. Thank you!

Mark Ramsey, P.E.

self / engineer

Spring, TX

I am FOR passage of HB 1238. Please support HB1238 by Rep. Biedermann. In my decades of activism, I have rarely seen issues that motivate grassroots Texans of both parties as do firearms rights. Texas, especially, should be leading rather than lagging on this issue of Constitutional Carry, or as some prefer, permit-less carry.

Duane Rees

self

Austin, TX

I support this bill.

I pray that the Texans currently elected to occupy our state's capital building will not continue to let the basic human right to self-defense continue to be infringed. Please recognize any Texan, who can legally possess a handgun, to carry that handgun openly or concealed without having to ask for permission.

As I begin to enter the sunset of my life, my physical abilities to defend myself are diminishing, and I was not championship boxer or martial arts expert to begin with. Now, I need a permission slip from the government and have to wait for that permission slip to be able to defend myself when I am not in my house or not in my vehicle.

Texas prides itself on being a leader in almost every area; however, it cannot take pride in its law-abiding citizens being able to carry their handguns without a permit. In this, Texas is sadly trailing behind many other states. Please let Texas join the other states that do not infringe on the rights of their law-abiding citizens to choose any tool or defensive means that they want to carry and defend themselves with.

In states with strict gun control laws, history has unequivocally demonstrated that criminals have access to weapons and do not have qualms about using them to harm law-abiding citizens. Any gun control, including a government permission slip to carry a handgun, strips us law-abiding citizens to feel safe in freely move about, outside our homes and vehicles, and take responsibility for our safety. It greatly hinders, if not prevents, our right to self-defense and the defense of others.

What common sense suggest and research has proven is that when it is easier for law-abiding citizens to exercise their right to carry a concealed handgun, the more legally armed citizens will carry a handgun, and with the higher the percentage of legally armed citizens, the lower the crime rate, since that is an extremely good deterrent to crime. Moreover, when the police are minutes away and second count, a good gal with a gun or a good guy with a gun is the first responder who gets to a violent attack and prevents it or stops it from carrying on further. History has already demonstrated this, but we don't hear about on the national news. I suppose it's not "good television."

For common sense judicious precautions, we law-abiding Texans want to carry our handguns wherever we go, with the exception in security-sensitive areas, which practically guarantees our security. Please repeal those parts of our laws that infringe on our rights to defend ourselves and others.

Thank you for your help, and thank you for your time.

Lauren Heese

self

Katy, TX

I wholeheartedly SUPPORT this bill. It is unacceptable require law-abiding citizens to have to pay for a right guaranteed to them in the second amendment! License requirements negatively affects those who are poor, and victims of crimes since they are not able to quickly lawfully defend themselves.

Garrett Black

Guns and gadgets YouTube

Spring, TX

I support this bill because going to get your license for a handgun can take months and I feel like our second amendment should be stronger rather than restricting it like in California.

Adam Maldonado

Self / disabled

San Antonio, TX

It is our right to carry a fire arm. Guns don't kill people kill. It's the wrong person carrying the firearm that do the killings. How many good law abiding citizens have saved lives by exercising their right to carry a firearm to protect their lives and others. By not passing this law, you're putting our lives in danger

Jesse Cohen

Self. Police Officer.

Tyler, TX

I'm Jesse Cohen. I support HB 1911. I have worked 5 years as a City Police Officer in Texas and I'm a member of the GOA.

Officer, I have observed what I call the revolving door of criminal justice. Violent offenders commit violent crimes, are arrested, get locked up, quickly get out, commit more violent crimes, and are arrested again.

Programs for releasing offenders like bail, probation and parole were originally intended to assist with rehabilitation and also reduce jail and prison populations without endangering the public.

Due to overcrowded facilities, caused in part by frivolous laws, these programs often become the default regardless of potential danger to society.

I have seen many situations where violent offenders were released within a day or two of being arrested and were back on the street doing what they pleased.

The permit requirement not only violates the civil rights of law abiding citizens, but contributes to overcrowded facilities which in turn contributes to the revolving door problem that poses such a danger to all of us.

The precious few spots in our facilities should not be wasted on citizens whose only crime was carrying a firearm without a permit for self defense.

Eliminating the permit requirement would be a step in reducing the unnecessary load on the criminal justice system and allow us to focus on what matters, which is addressing violent crime.

It's well past time for us public servants to actually keep our oaths of office and pass Constitutional Carry.

Shane Stout

Self

Haskell, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238

Craig Licciardi

Smith County GOP / self

Flint, TX

I strongly support HB 1238. This finally puts legislation in place that comports with the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Additionally, it FINALLY codifies the oath that I took as a Marine, and each legislator takes freely: namely, to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the laws of this state - against all enemies, foreign and domestic. There ARE domestic enemies in our nation, and they have been elected into positions in which they have absolutely zero intent to keep personal integrity and honor intact. Rather, they fully intend to abrogate their oath to protect the rights of the people, guaranteed under our Constitution and laws, and they publicly advertise that they seek to ignore legitimate authority, and expand government oppression as they chisel away at our freedoms.

"Shall not be infringed" within the context of the second amendment is a limitation on government - that's YOU - from abridging the rights of law-abiding citizens - that's US. Period. It is a restriction on YOU, the lawmakers, and nowhere in the 2nd amendment is there even an idea that government ought to have the ability to constrain a free people from keeping and bearing arms. The unconstitutional abrogation of our liberty has been perpetrated upon the citizens of Texas long enough. It is time to have the moral integrity to once again stand upon our original laws, and honor the oaths freely taken to do so.

Requiring a permit, permission slip, license, tax receipt, or whatever other invention concocted by those who lack a basic cognitive understanding of the phrase "shall not be infringed" is unconstitutional and immoral, and is a tactic of a totalitarian autocracy seeking to disarm free citizens. The ONLY logical end of such a course of action is to subjugate the masses under the oppressive boot of tyranny, and we see that happening now in DC in real-time. Do NOT allow Texas to sink down under the bloated weight of federal oppression, but rather, pass this bill, bring Texas up to date with numerous other states, whose legislatures have recognized their sacred duty to honor their similar oath to protect and defend the rights of the people to be free. Thank you and God bless you for having the integrity to stand for what's right.

Wayne Stout

Self

Haskell, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238

Wayne Stout

Self

Haskell, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238

Anita Seigl

Americans

Roanoke, TX

We are meant to learn from the past. The past has taught us cops will do their job when they arrive. If more legal civilians carried a weapon to protect themselves then they would also be available to help the person next to them.

I currently have a LTC. I am a 5 foot, 40 year old women with 2 kids and I did not feel safe anywhere unless my husband was with me. Now I feel safe because I know I am always ready to protect myself and my family. That is a huge deal to feel safe. I'm not a celebrity, I'm not rich, I can't afford to hire a bodyguard. I don't want to have to depend on someone else. I don't want to wait for a cop.

The president is currently letting illegal aliens into our state, we don't know what they are bringing with them. Have it be weapons, drugs, disease or immoral tendencies. How many of them are rapists, killers or if they are here to help their friends to traffic others? What gangs are they in? We don't have answers and that does not help me to feel safe.

We American's want all of the people we voted to sit in your seats to stand up for us!

This bill should be passed so we can help ourselves when needed and everyone of you should help us feel safe!

Curry Taylor, Dr.

self, engineer

GARLAND, TX

House members:

I am a resident of Garland, TX, and a voter. I support the following firearms reform bills in favor of gun rights and ownership to help Texas residents to better protect themselves and those innocents around them in self-defense situations:

HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900

Thank you.

Lily Dulaney

Self - Sales Director

Lago Vista, TX

I strongly support this bill and want to see this passed! I support Constitutional Carry and think it's high time Texas get on board with the several other states that already have this in place. The Constitution was clear, this right shall not be infringed. Seeking permission from the government to carry is a clear violation of that. Restore this right to the good, law abiding people of Texas.

Scot HAYTER

Self/firefighter

Megargel, TX

The 2nd Amendment must be preserved! "Shall not be infringed" means no infringements! We must protect the gun rights of all

Texans and ultimately all Americans! No new gun restrictions, and Constitutional carry now! When the second fails the rest will shortly follow.

Callie Cleveland

Self Employed/Texans

El Paso, TX

Hello! My name is Callie Cleveland, and I am writing this in support of Constitutional Carry. I believe that mandatory licenses to carry a firearm is an infringement on our Second Amendment right to keep and BEAR arms. When you have to pay to carry a firearm, it is not a right. What will it be next? We must pay and get a license to be able to exercise free speech? We must pay and get a license to have life? Wake up, Texas! When we allow the government control over our rights, they will have the power to tell us who can and can not own guns, and what kind, and how many. Who can and can not speak, and what you can and can not say. Who is worthy of life and who is not. We have already seen our rights and freedoms infringed and taken away little by little. I am calling upon the Texas State Legislators to support Constitutional Carry and give back Texans our RIGHT to defend our lives, liberties and properties.

Christopher A Dulaney

Self

Lago Vista, TX

As a legal law biding gun owner I strongly support this bill .
I would like to see it passed .

Dennis McKee, Retired Mesquite Police Officer

Lone Star Coalition

Kemp, TX

Constitutional Carry is way over due.

Alaska had it 20 years ago, 3 more states, 10 years ago. Now there are 17 and several more states are likely to pass it this year. This past year, the Texas Republican Convention submitted 8 Legislative priorities, one of which was Constitutional Carry. TEXAS should have been leading in this.

Please don't fail us again. Like the last 3 Sessions.

Please pass All 3. Thank you.

Zachary Halman

Granbury tx

Granbury, TX

I fully support constitutional carry. Many Texans cannot afford to pay for fingerprints, LTC costs... ect. Me are law abiding citizens who already have to pass a federal background check to prove we are allowed to have a gun. Forcing us to pay additional costs to carry a firearm we already legally own seems unconstitutional. They didn't require American citizens to pay for a license to carry their firearms when the constitution was written. They said the right to bear arms shall not be infringed. Also the states with constitutional carry have lower crime rates. Thank you.

Matt Dill
Self, software engineer
Plano, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I'm contacting you regarding HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927 and HB 2900. It is my understanding that public comment on these bills is being accepted today by the Texas House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety.

I strongly support each of these bills. During this time of extraordinary civil unrest and calls to defund the police, both of which have contributed to widespread property damage, injury and even death, it is imperative that law abiding Texans be afforded full exercise of their Second Amendment rights. This important right has been infringed in Texas, with respect to handguns.

Eighteen state governments have corrected similar injustices and now allow law-abiding citizens to more fully exercise their God-given, constitutional right. I strongly encourage you to afford the same to law-abiding Texans.

Please allow these bills to pass out of committee to the House of Representatives, so the will of Texans may be fully expressed through the legislative process.

Thank you for considering my comments

Matt Dill

DON HYDEN
SELF
TEMPLE, TX

I AM FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY.

Jamie Fairchild, Ms
Self - retired mechanical engineer
Sugar Land, TX

OPPOSE permitless carry in TX. This would be a disaster. A permitting system requires training. Why on earth would we allow any human to carry around a lethal weapon without training? That is completely irresponsible. We ALL agree that only responsible gun owners should be carrying lethal weapons. Would it be responsible to drive a car without training? Of course not. Why would any lawmaker even consider allowing people to carry around lethal weapons like guns without training??? My safety is in my representative's hands. YOU are responsible and need to be held accountable for any reckless politically motivated decisions. You need to base your decisions on the safety of those you represent.

Peyton Boyer
Self
Atlanta, TX

I don't have much to say other than I feel the more law abiding Texas citizens there are, the safer I feel and not requiring a license would open the door to many more people that haven't gotten their license to carry. I truly feel that every gun law is an

infringement and given that Texas is one of the last bastions of true 2a freedom I feel that this would be a great step

Jody Dyer

self - commercial insurance agent

Gatesville, TX

I STRONGLY SUPPORT these bills (HB 1238, HB 1911, HB 1927, HB 2900) regarding constitutional carry in Texas. I believe that Texans (as free Americans) have the right to carry a firearm (exercising their Second Amendment rights) on their person without government interference. Passage of these bills will make Texas a safer place, for all of us...PLEASE PASS THEM!
Thank you, Jody Dyer

Trenton Boyer

Self clothing production

Atlanta, TX

I am all for this bill, and pro 2nd amendment.

JAMES WALKER

Self, IT Management / Education

PLANO, TX

I was raised to believe that as a citizen and as a man I have both the right and responsibility to protect myself and those around me who might not be able to do the same. Evil people seek targets that will not oppose them, gun free zones and disarmed citizens provide them these targets. I believe that we are all safer when responsible citizens have the means to protect themselves at hand. While I respect the right of others to disagree with me, I do not think that their feelings on the issue give them the right to disarm me. Constitutional carry will make it easier for more law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families. I support constitutional carry.

Curtis Inman

Self. Security Officer.

Crowley, TX

This is a bill that NEEDS passed we have to many criminals and not enough police and we need to be able to protect our self and loved ones and property and shouldn't have to ask to be able to do that. Please pass this bill. Not only will you be protecting yourself but you'll be helping others protect as well and in a way protect all those others.

Griffin Smith, Dr

Self. Chemical engineering

Magnolia, TX

Good evening. I am Griffin Smith. I testify IN FAVOR of all 4 permitless carry bills. I represent myself. Thank you chairman White and committee members for this time with you.

I grew up in Georgia and attended UT-Austin for a PhD in chemical engineering. I now live and vote in Magnolia.

My family has a long history of commitment to liberty. My sister is named for our great great great, great great great, grandmother, Rebecca Motte, who lived in Charleston, South Carolina. British soldiers occupied in her home. She was so delighted by the patriots' plan to burn the British out that she provided the incendiary arrows to set her home ablaze. Patriot rifles and cannons drove the British to surrender.

How grateful I am, that the patriots held arms comparable to those of the crown.

A firearm is a great equalizer supporting the natural right of self defense. I have lived long enough to see the evil in this world. Evildoers prefer unarmed targets and do not wait for their targets to get a carry permit.

Further, they do not obey the so-called gun-free zones that are effectively victim disarmament zones.

US Senator Ted Cruz testified this week in Washington that guns are used defensively about a million times per year.

I would like to see every person allowed to carry whatever firearm they own anywhere they are allowed to go without having to apply for a government permission slip. The licensing requirement is inherently infringement. It has been abused politically. Also, every dollar of fees and every moment of classes is an obstacle to a struggling college student, a single mother with a full schedule, or just a regular citizen.

In conclusion, I ask you to support these permitless carry bills, including modifications to allow carry by all lawful gun owners in so-called gun-free zones.

Thank you for your attention.

Kendall Swinford, Mr.

Self (Real estate investment and sales)

Austin, TX

HB 1238 is an effective simplification of the law that builds on Texas' other states' experiences in regulating concealed carry while minimizing the degree to which ordinary regulatory requirements could be arbitrarily exercised for the sake of political posturing by local government officers.

Ending the licensing requirement for concealed carry is consistent with Texas' experiences in "shall-issue" permits in that the proliferation of legal handguns on the streets of Texas has coincided with a general drop in the rate of violent crime rather than a sharp upwards spike in violent crime. It is also consistent with the enactment of a law in Texas on January 1, 1999 that permits those not prohibited from possessing firearms in general to keep concealed guns in vehicles without a permit. This, in turn, jibes with the experience of other states which have found the licensing requirement unnecessary in their own jurisdictions. Simply put, more guns in more law-abiding hands are consistently associated with lower rates of violent crime rather than with outbreaks of violent crime.

There is no doubt that violent crime is still a problem in Texas, and police resources available to combat violent crime are shrinking. I would respectfully refer the Committee to a February 2021 letter from Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez on behalf of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas: "Almost every day you and I see and hear about the violence and crime committed by crooks, thieves, rapists, drug pushers, and murderers...Unfortunately, during tough economic times like these, criminal activities become even more prevalent. Tax dollars to fight them only go so far, and these dollars are shrinking every day." Police officers, whether out of respect for civil liberties or limitations on available funding and equipment, simply cannot be everywhere at once. Since law-abiding Texans' need to defend themselves can only grow, reducing bureaucratic burdens on effective self-defense simply makes sense.

Removing the licensing requirement would help Texans protect themselves against local government policies that "sound nice" but could have deep adverse impacts on ordinary citizens. As a resident of Travis County, my primary concern is to avoid being arbitrarily punished by county and city governments with a demonstrated history of ignoring state law or using regulations to

impose conditions prohibited by state law. Some of these actions - threatening to sue local businesses despite their complying with state law and protecting illegal activity that tends to generate other illegal activity in public areas - are simple political posturing. There is every reason to fear that such local governments will attempt to arbitrarily use existing carry laws against the law-abiding just to make a posture at the expense of perceived political "enemies" like the Governor or voters in other political parties.

HB 1238 should therefore become Texas law.

James Peinado

El Paso Republican Liberty Caucus

El Paso, TX

I support HB 1238

Being from El Paso, our community was hit by a mass violence attack even more devastating than the one just witnessed in Boulder, Colorado. That cloud still looms over us in large part because of the racially motivated hatred that spurred that attack, many suffer while the killer's trial is ongoing, knowing that whatever the verdict and punishment leveled against him, those lives can never be brought back.

In the weeks after that attack, we saw people coming together to support the families who lost loved ones and raised money doing all we could to provide whatever comfort could be mustered, knowing that it will never be enough. One point of observation I wish to share, which relates to my support for HB 1238, was the logo hash-tagged and stamped on t-shirts and bumper stickers used to raise funds. "El Paso Strong." It was painted on murals, printed on clothing, we saw it everywhere used to heal and strengthen our community after this violent attack.

Yet what is it to be El Paso Strong?

In White Settlement, Texas, a shooter began firing upon parishioners in a Church, and he was in less than three seconds shot dead by one of several other parishioners who were empowered by their rights that day. White Settlement proved to the country to be a strong community, able to deal with unforeseen situations as they arise. Gun Control while the people supporting it have the right intentions do not effectively work to stop people from doing bad things, but empowering the people of Texas with their right to keep and bear arms does so much more to make our communities stronger. These civilians embodied "Texas Strong" that I wish to be the standard across the state.

I'm saddened, however, that in our Walmart that horrific day, August 3, 2019, lawful gun owners carrying in that store were scarce. I know of at least one person, who had an LTC, but wisely chose not to engage the shooter because he was with his two children that day, and made the right decision to get his family away from danger. What about all those poor Texans who were cornered, who were not carrying that day because our LTC program creates an undue burden on them, even though many were lawful gun owners, who would've otherwise been empowered. The more poor communities of Texas should not have their fundamental right to carry these tools for self-defense infringed upon by their own state government. A permission slip should not be required of lawful gun owners in Texas, in order to carry these tools.

Carrying a firearm is a responsibility. I know people calling for gun control think it too much of one, that Texans aren't fit to exercise more freely. I want El Paso and all of Texas to be a more responsible society tomorrow than we are today, more than we were yesterday. I seek this progress, but we don't become a stronger society while our rights are infringed upon by this unjust burden, dependent upon others for our own security.

Please support HB 1238.

Amber McLaughlin

Self - Manager

Leander, TX

Fully support.

Elva Mendoza

Self; Public Health Social Worker

Austin, TX

My name is Elva Mendoza, and I submit this testimony on behalf of myself as a public health social worker born and raised in Texas. Thank you for allowing individuals unable to travel to the Capitol to provide written comments.

While my permanent home is in Austin, Texas, my family and I have been temporarily living abroad for the last nineteen months. When we move back to Texas next year, I hope it will be to a safer state than the one we left. Unfortunately, bills like HB 1238 would make Texans less safe. While the current LTC system is far from perfect, it at least ensures those who carry loaded handguns in public have a few hours of basic gun safety training, know how to fire their weapon safely, and have passed a background check. These safety measures have never been more important. During the COVID-19 crisis, gun sales have soared and first-time gun owners account for an estimated 40% of those purchases. Removing the LTC requirement would allow inexperienced individuals with no background in firearms to carry loaded guns in public places...even if they've never even fired their weapon! That is unfathomably irresponsible.

During live testimony you will likely hear the phrases "God-given right" and "shall not be infringed." I would remind the committee that the Bible does not mention guns, and the Supreme Court has held that reasonable restrictions may be applied to all of our rights, including our first and second amendment rights.

On the heels of a week of American mass shootings, it is truly shocking that this committee is entertaining bills that strip LTC requirements when similar bills, once enacted, have coincided with an increase in violence in states like Arizona and Alaska. More guns in more hands in more places with fewer regulations is clearly not the answer. Here in Spain, which has far fewer guns and far stricter gun laws, residents are ten times less likely to be murdered and half as likely to die by suicide than individuals living in America. Texans don't deserve to live with this increased risk of murder and suicide. We deserve strong new gun safety measures to combat the increasing violence, but at the very least, we deserve to keep the common-sense gun safety laws we already have on the books. Please vote no on this bill.

Mike Stinnett, Mr

Self/bullseye flooring

Temple, TX

For too long we've been in other states shadows, TEXAS should be the front runner on gun rights..GOD BLESS TEXAS

JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director

Grassroots America - We the People PAC

Flint, TX

Grassroots America – We the People PAC strongly supports HB 1238 by Biedermann.

Law-abiding Texans should not have to beg the government for permission and pay a fee to exercise their God-given right to self-defense. That is why Constitutional Carry is the most important Second Amendment rights issue to come before the Texas Legislature in over a generation.

"The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms" is protected both by the U.S. Constitution and by the Constitution of the State

of Texas. Yet, the permitting process in Texas creates an undue burden on this unalienable right.

Thirty-five states already have some form of permit-less carry on the books. Texans have been fighting an uphill battle to reclaim gun rights for permit-less carry for the past eight years. It is time for Texas to catch up on this element of Liberty!

Real-life experience and extensive research both clearly demonstrate that restricting the right to bear arms in self-defense only encourages more violent crime. Meanwhile, law-abiding Texans continue to be left defenseless against criminals who ignore the laws that are currently in place.

In real life, this means that a single mother, who works more than one job to put food on the table for her kids and does not have the time nor the means to obtain a CHL, is denied her right to carry a gun to protect herself and her kids because she does not have a government permission slip. Where is the freedom in that?

We urge you to pass HB 1238 out of committee.

Chris Robert

Self

Plano, TX

I am FOR this to help protect myself and my family as a universal way to legally protect us carrying and transporting weapons.

Karen Kelley

self, administration

austin, TX

I oppose HB1238. Stop this nonsense.

Jimmy Wright

Self-emergency medicine physician

Burleson, TX

I am in support of House Bill 1238 which would repeal the requirement for a license to carry a handgun by anyone legally able to own a handgun. Many states do not require a license to carry a handgun in some form, concealed or open, and 18 states in the United States currently allow Constitutional Carry. A requirement for a license to carry a firearm disproportionately burdens citizens of lower socioeconomic status, many of whom forego paying for the licensing process in order to provide basic necessities for their family. A licensing requirement creates an undue time burden with requirements for forms, fingerprints, and paperwork and needlessly restricts a law-abiding citizen's Constitutional protection to defend themselves and their loved ones. Criminals do not burden themselves with the current licensing requirement as the criminals already intend to break laws anyway. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the number of defensive uses of handguns are estimated to range from 500,000 to 3 million occurrences per year, and many instances are thought to go unreported to law enforcement. Our founding fathers knew that the right of the people to keep and bear arms was necessary to prevent government tyranny. For those legally able to possess a firearm, it is blatantly contradictory that in order to carry a firearm, we must get permission from the same government that the Second Amendment was intended to prevent tyranny from in the first place. Again, I support this bill to repeal the requirement for a government granted license to carry a firearm, and advocate for no distinctions between licensed carry and permitless or Constitutional Carry.

Donnie Turner

Self- Safety Professional

Orange Grove, TX

I support these bills and express appreciation to the authors. Thank you for standing up for our 2nd amendment rights.

I believe that as long as criminals can walk into a place free to act against the defenseless victim(s), none of us are safe.

I prefer bills HB 1238 and HB 2900 as they allow all citizens 18 yrs+ to carry, who can legally possess a gun. As a veteran of the US Army, all of the soldiers I served with, who were 18 years of age, proved to be most responsible and reliable. I believe if we shoulder this responsibility on the youth of today, they will prove to be the same. I likewise feel that lawful gun owners should be able to campus carry, park at place of employment and have possession in a foster home, without a permit. Quite frankly, I am surprised that Texas is not first among those states who allow permitless carry, open or concealed. I would like to see gun free zones disappear. I believe they give those with intent to do harm free reign to do so.

Tracy Cannon

Myself/family

Hamilton, TX

Hello this is my first public testimony Ever. I would like to see this bill be passed because i should not need a license for my constitutional rights. Please be a patriot and pass this Bill.

Brenda Coffman, Ms.

self ---- Retired

Waco, TX

While I appreciate the second amendment and how important it is to many of our country's citizens I also believe there should be limits to who can carry guns and how many and how powerful the weapons can be. As a result I oppose dismantling the handgun carry licensing program in Texas. I believe permitless carry is dangerous; those who carry guns should be able to prove that they know how to use the weapon properly and that their reason for carrying a gun is reasonable. Please act in the interest of public safety and oppose all permitless legislation. As I understand it this opposition could affect HB 1911, HB 1238, HB 1927 and HB 2900 as well as possibly some others. Thank you.

Sariah Turner

Self - Home Manager

Orange Grove, TX

I support bills HB1238, HB1911, HB1927, HB2900. I am so GRATEFUL to you for authoring and soon passing bills supporting our CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to bear arms.

Law abiding citizens are SAFER with CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY. I would prefer the age to carry be 18. If you can go to war to defend our country and you can vote at 18, you can safely and responsibly carry. I would prefer there were no gun free zones. I would like to protect myself, my family and others wherever I am. I regularly choose not to attend concerts and sporting events for this reason. My children are homeschooled for a myriad of reasons, this being one of them. Cowardly criminals often choose gun free zones to inflict terror and death. I am certain that if more law abiding citizens were carrying and in any location, violent crimes would be arrested more quickly. I would particularly like to see campus carry. I was very scared walking across campus in the early morning and late evening for work. I feel all lawful Americans should be allowed to protect themselves with sufficient Force to stop aggression. AMERICAN CITIZENS who LOVE THIS COUNTRY are willing to FIGHT FOR FREEDOM both

FOR THEMSELVES and FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. Thank you for fighting for our freedoms."Don't You Quit! You Keep Trying!"

John Westberry

Gun Owners of America Texas

Canton, TX

Thank you for taking the time to hear and consider my perspective related to our rights as a US citizens and residents of the great State of Texas. In a country where our constitutional rights fall under attack each time adverse societal circumstances present themselves, Texas can be a leader in preserving and defending those rights. There are those that would have us believe that every gun owner is a potential serial killer or mass murderer. They would argue that because those of the lowest moral character are willing to take life with such callousness, we should view our own rights and privilege's with suspicion and even be ashamed at the realization of our desire to preserve those rights. They would argue that due to the standard of terror set by societies lowest common denominator, law abiding citizens should be stripped of their constitutional guarantees. Even more troubling is the view that deservingly and justifiably sensational news and the associated emotion should trump the rule of law. I urge this legislative body not to give into the urge to view its citizens as liabilities and instead view them as reliable. The vast majority of us love and enjoy exercising our rights in the most responsible way. We take this right seriously. Do not let fear of the societies lowest common denominator rule the will of this state. Revisit the reason and wisdom of our founding fathers. This, right to bear arms, is a keystone responsibility of each citizen of our country and our state. Do not hamper our ability to exercise our rights as responsible citizens.

Ellen Jane Horn

Self -- janitorial for Clarendon Veterinary Hospital

Clarendon, TX

My family and I support HB 1238 which avails the opportunity for citizens of the State of Texas the right to own, store, transport and carry a firearm to protect ourselves, our family and neighbors primarily against predators with FOUR legs! :) As needed that same firearm would be on hand to protect the same against intruders of another nature! We live in Texas ranch country in Armstrong County between US 287 and Interstate 40, have 2 deputies to cover MANY square miles.

Nathan Fleer, Dr.

Self PhD Chemist

Katy, TX

I support this bill. It is important that people are allowed to protect themselves.

Ferrando Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill.

Jonathan Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill.

Craig Andress

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill.

James O'Rear

Self

McKinney, TX

Hello,

Thank you for hearing my testimony today. I support permitless carry for law-abiding gun owners from the age of 18 years old and beyond. The framers of the constitution made it clear that our rights, as laid out in the bill of rights, are endowed by our creator and should not be allowed by special permit or permission. The idea of special privileges granted to a permit holder over the ordinary and lawful citizen is not fair in my eyes. As such, I ask that you move this bill forward forthwith. I believe constitutional carry is an excellent way for the great state of Texas to prove its commitment to liberty and rights, not granted by men but God almighty.

Best,
James O'Rear

Craig Andress

Self

Houston, TX

I support this bill because the Constitution should be my permit to carry a firearm.

Jim Dennison

self

Trinidad, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238. If I am given the right to keep and bear arms thru the 2nd Amendment and am legal to own any firearm then I should not be required to obtain a license. When I Moved from the state of Missouri where I had a license to carry to the state of Texas and put a Texas license plat on my vehicle, the state of Texas took away a right to carry in this state and thus a criminal. The state took away a right that I had in Missouri, this bill would restore my right to carry without worry of licensing as it should be.

Penny O'Rear

Self

McKinney, TX

Hello,

I support permitless carry for legal firearm owners from the age of 18 and above. As a woman, this is especially important to me because I don't believe that LTC holders should have special privileges that law-abiding citizens like myself do not, specifically because as I understand the constitution guarantees me the right to keep and bear arms. This is not only necessary for me and my families safety, but to ensure safety from a tyrannical government. This is something I believe Texas should encourage and become a beacon of liberty for all states.

Thank you,
Penny O'Rear

Joanne Seney

Self

McKinney, TX

Hello,

I support permitless carry for legal firearm owners from the age of 18 and above. As an older woman, this is especially important to me because I don't believe that LTC holders should have special privileges that law-abiding elderly citizens like myself do not, specifically because as I believe the US constitution guarantees me the right to keep and bear arms, even in my older age. This is not only necessary for my safety as I'm a widow, but to secure safety from a tyrannical government. This is something I believe Texas should encourage and stand bold for our elderly women.

Thank you,
Joanne Seney

Ferrando Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill as it gives law abiding Texas the right to carry based on the Constitution.

Jonathan Heyward

Self

Schertz, TX

I support this bill because our Founding Fathers put this as the 2nd Amendment for a reason. It's my God given right to bear arms.

Daniel Shepard

Self Founder of Interstate Liberty Protection

Mesquite, TX

Hi My name is Dan Shepard am Testifying in Support for HB1238

Jack Anderson

Young Conservatives of Texas - Baylor

Waco, TX

My name is Jack Anderson and I am here in support of House Bill 1238. I am representing myself as a member of Young Conservatives of Texas at Baylor.

Growing up in Connecticut, I watched the state fall under anti-gun legislation and continually saw our rights stripped away. As a consequence, innocent people lose their lives every year to criminals who could care less about the law and do not follow gun laws. These victims are unable to defend themselves because of the regulations put in place. For example, Connecticut's license to carry process takes over two months, which is not very different from Texas.

I am mentioning this because Texas should not be on-par with a state like Connecticut. Texas is known as a state of excellence and in no way should experience the same tragedies experienced in Connecticut. What caused these tragedies? The absence of freedom within the laws of that state. I moved to Texas because of its history of freedom, and I seek to never let Texas become a Connecticut, or California, or any other anti-gun state.

Texas should be the beacon of freedom, should constantly be striving for ensuring the rights of the people, and it should support the god-given liberties within this bill, specifically the right of Constitutional Carry.

Ensure that Texas maintains its excellence. Vote in favor of HB 1238 and be the leader of conservatism that Texas has always been.

Jeremy Hersom

Self

Anna, TX

I support HB1238! Thank you for taking your time, staying up all night to hear testimony regarding HB1238! We've heard arguments for and against. At the end of the day the only thing that matters is criminal DO NOT care about the laws you pass. The law abiding citizens, who love freedom, exercise judgement and responsibility in legally owning firearms are the only people punished by laws restricting the owning or carry of firearms. Criminals carry everyday without a permit, let's level the playing field. God created man, Sam Colt made them equal, when you have a 250 lb man attacking a 115lb woman, the gun makes the 2 equal and gives the smaller woman a great advantage!
Please pass constitutional carry!

Daniel Davis

Self and family

Corpus Christi, TX

This bill must pass. Our representatives must send a message to the others about the necessity of this bill passing in an overwhelming manner.

Jess Woodard, Mr.

Self General Contractor

San Antonio, TX

This bill and the other bills that seek to enact constitutional carry need to be passed. The second amendment in the U.S. constitution is crystal clear on our rights to bear arms and says it "will not" be infringed upon. In San Antonio, I have had my vehicle broken into twice in 2 years, one of these moments was last Sunday (3-21-2021) where they successfully stole one of my firearms that was locked and hidden in covered bag along with all of my nice power tools. What if these people wish to return to my address and use my very own gun to threaten my life and steal more of my belongings? Packages disappear from my door step. People have threatened me and my significant other on the roads when we are calm and someone else is experiencing "road rage". My girlfriend is a smaller woman and is frequently harassed in public when alone. It's common in parking lots when I'm not around. I had a person approach my window 2 weeks ago accusing me of following them. This person was paranoid and threatening in the way they approached my driver side door. They could have easily tried to open it and attempted to injure me, and I had never seen this person in my life. San Antonio has a terrible theft problem and it's a very real possibility those thieves will lose what little sense of reason they have left and increase the amount of violent thefts here. There are dangerous people, thieves, mentally unstable, and desperate criminals all over our city, including the nice parts of town and Texans believe no one should have to wait for a license and pay a fee to do something as fundamental to the pursuit of happiness by adequately protecting themselves with a firearm. They should have that right. It's proven all over the world that motivated criminals will not follow laws and will carry a gun and use it to harm others. Why should law abiding gun owners have to wait and pay money to defend themselves, when criminals don't wait and harm people for free. It simply does not make sense. Our right was already built into the constitution. I will abide by the law and not carry a firearm until I have a license, but I speak for nearly all of my close friends and family when I say that this should be a basic right. I love Texas and someday I want to be buried here after a long, full life, but I will consider moving to a state that has already passed constitutional carry if these bills do not survive this session. As I said, me and my partner will always abide by gun laws and we take pride in being safe and cautious gun owners. We get background checked when purchasing firearms just like everyone else, but we both agree that constitutional carry should be our right. Good luck and God Bless

H Apley

Self and SD11 Republican Party

Dickinson, TX

H Scott Apple speaking in support of HB1238

Committee Members,

Texas is known as a leader around the country and the world. We are known as a place where freedom and liberty is defended and flourishes.

Despite this reputation, I'm growing embarrassingly weary of watching other states like Oklahoma, Arizona, Idaho..... And Maine (Really?) pass bills establishing Constitutional Carry while we puff our chests and pretend to be something we sadly are not.

It's been long enough. It's time to pass Constitutional Carry in Texas.

Thank You.

Amanda Ames

Self / Professor

McKinney, TX

I am in favor of HB 1238 and support Constitutional Carry in Texas one hundred percent! Texas needs to lead the way when it comes to standing up for the Constitution and for the 2nd amendment.

“...The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Our rights are God given and do not come from the government. Our founding fathers understood this and it's time for the state of Texas to make constitutional carry happen.

Valerie Adame

Self

Liberty, TX

I am a lifelong Texas resident, and have always carried pride in our state's history of Liberty and being independent. I grew up with firearms being a daily part of our lives, whether it be for hunting or for self protection. A polite and responsible society will take the time to learn how to handle guns safely and responsibly. I married my husband in 1989. He was an over the road driver driving 48 states. He was usually gone a week at a time. Often I have had to travel home from work very late at night. One night, my truck broke down in a rural area of I-10 and I had to walk to get help. I was faced with risking breaking the law by taking my handgun with me from my truck to a place where I could get help. I had to walk almost two miles to get help. It was 11pm at night. It was a very stressful decision. In the end I had to decide that it was better to risk being charged with a crime and still be safe. Criminals don't care about their risk of getting caught or being charged with a crime. They do not care about the laws. But, I do care. I don't want to break the law in order to be safe. Why, if our Bill of Rights says that we have the right to defend ourselves, should I have had to make that decision? Please support HB 1238 and the right of all Texas citizens to protect ourselves without any limitations, as long as we have broken no laws that would prohibit us from legally owning a gun. Thank you for reading my statement. Blessings, Valerie Adame, Liberty, Texas.

Marc Pitts

Self - Financial Service

Flint, TX

I am strongly in favor of HB 1238. I am an East Texan, a gun enthusiast, and a member of Gun Owners of America.

Constitutional Carry has always been a very important issue for me.

A few years ago, I almost lost my younger sister. For the first time, she found herself living in a dangerous neighborhood due to financial circumstances. As a petite, blond-haired, blue eyed young woman, she realized that she needed to be able to protect herself, but she had not yet obtained her License to Carry.

She was picking up a few items for her son's birthday party at a local dollar store. She was all alone except for the woman at the register.

My sister became nervous when she noticed a man park a white panel van right by the front door. She brushed it off until she noticed the man following her aggressively and staring at her.

She had a gut feeling that this man's intention was to kidnap her and throw her into the waiting van. In a panic, she called her boyfriend for help. Luckily, he was just down the street instead of at work.

As she waited for help, the man continued to follow her around the store.

Upon seeing my sister's boyfriend arrive, his nefarious intentions became clear when he abandoned his cart, ran out the door, and quickly left in his van.

It's possible that this man was targeting my sister for human trafficking or worse.

When seconds counted, help was minutes away at best.

It's a travesty that my sister was unarmed that day due to the burden of licensing requirements. This incident happened in broad daylight and it could happen to anyone.

This is not a political game. The right to self-defense is a life and death matter. I support Constitutional Carry because Texans should be able to carry a gun whenever they decide that it is necessary for protection.

I urge the members of this committee to vote for this bill and work to ensure that it receives final passage on the floor of the House.

Thank you

Kailea Burrell

Self

dallas, TX

I support this bill.

Mark Steele

Myself

New Braunfels, TX

I support this bill, and think it is incredibly important at this time to pass this legislation.

With the last year, it is evident that the fallout from the Covid-19 chicanery can slow, disrupt, and halt bureaucratic processes and with the current form of licensing our right to carry as Texans, that delay can deny many responsible individuals their natural, God-given right to self-defense and put them at odds with the law.

At the end of the day, we as individuals are responsible for our own safety. As such, we are our own first responders, and should not have a right denied by disruptions to administrative paperwork because the state decides to stop processing it.

Jeff Jamison

Self consultant

Katy, TX

I oppose permitless carry. There is no value to the citizens of Texas to pass this bill.

Timothy Tallman

Self

Bryan, TX

I am in full support

Denise Hodnett
Lone star gun rights
Somerville, TX

This should be passed

Marg Schievelbein
First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, texas
La Vernia, TX

Thank you for supporting our gun rights in South Texas. I feel and know it is an important issue that will provide confidence in our leaders when you support our constitution.

Kaleese Williams
Self/Repair Services Coordinator
Alvord, TX

I support this bill

James Reed
Self/Retired Deputy Sheriff
Magnolia, TX

Please support this Bill!

Roger Rusert
self retired
Midland, TX

Please vote for TRUE Constitutional Carry, House Bills 1238 & 2900, with no compromising amendments or delays! Texas Gun Rights will keep me informed of your actions.

Timothy Tibbit
Self, Delivery driver
Temple, TX

I support this bill, even though I possess a valid handgun license. I believe that if Texas becomes a constitutional carry state, and more law-abiding citizens choose to carry handguns, everyone will be safer. Those persons who would seek to commit robberies, assaults, or even mass shootings would be forced to think twice if more citizens carried firearms, due to the very real possibility that they would die in the attempt to commit the crime. Even if they choose to commit their crime regardless, the number of citizens hurt would decline because more people would be able to defend themselves. I believe it is time for Texas to join other states and pass Constitutional Carry.

Ralph Carlson

self retired

KERRVILLE, TX

I favor this bill to protect my 2nd amendment rights.

Erica Becirovic

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I oppose HB1238 because we are talking about an instrument that is designed for one purpose: to kill. This fact mandates certain requirements and responsibilities. Texas has evolved. Cities that were once considered rural, like New Braunfels, are now urban. Permitless carry would be a step backward. We are no longer the Wild West. As Texans, we should strive for less gun violence, not more. I do not want Texas to be like Arizona and Alaska, where gun violence has increased since passing a similar bill to HB1238. Educating gun owners through the permitting system works, and it's not too much to ask of someone who wants to carry a weapon designed to kill. As my esthetician says, "Erica, I have to have a license to pop your zits." It's called common sense.

James Foley

Self-Software Developer

The Colony, TX

Representatives of the people of Texas, I urge you to pass HB1238.

Texas, when first founded as a republic, was done so in the same vein of liberty taking precedence over security, prosperity, and the other primary goals of other nations as was the United States of America. And, when admitted into this republic as the 28th state, that same reverence of liberty was carried into our state hood.

The people should NOT have to ask the government for permission to exercise their rights. I, like every other sane person in the world, do not want to see these tools in the hands of those that would do us harm. But, that is one of the costs of liberty, and I will gladly take the rare and infrequent chance of a maniac causing a tragedy in order to live as a free citizen able to exercise those rights bestowed by our Creator. And I know, not feel, that if more citizens were free and comfortable with exercising their right to keep and bear arms, we would all be safer. Because I believe in the general goodness of people and though there are evil examples, this is the rare exception and a vast majority of people are good and will do good.

Yes, there will be times that one of those intent on hurting people will commit atrocious acts, but with an armed citizenry these acts will be far less dangerous and less frequent by way of deterrence.

Innocent until proven guilty. The burden of proof being on the accuser. These were principles our republic once cherished. Now, the opposite seems to rule the day and we are selling fear to the people to coax them into handing away our rights. We need restoration to the previous principles if we want to call ourselves free. And understand that, though it may seem so at the time, the people can NOT give up their inherent rights. They can only choose to not exercise them. Sometimes, unfortunately, for fear of retribution by the government they entrusted their governance. But that will always temporal and fleeting until the day the people realize these rights are theirs and choose to exercise them again.

With all due respect,

James Foley
The Colony, TX

Vincent Kay
Self Contractor
Orange, TX

I SUPPORT HB 1238 and practicing constitutional carry. The limitations of policing are apparent, there aren't enough officers to respond quickly enough to physical, armed, or gun-point threats. Constitutional carry allows all responsible, law-abiding citizens access to split second self-defense response to life-threatening, criminal actions. This bill allows for there to be more good men and women carry firearms as intended by the 2nd Amendment by eliminating the cost of admission for classes to obtain their Licenses to Carry. Texans shouldn't be forced to adhere to restrictions of their 2nd Amendment rights based on an idea that giving up essential rights to self-defense will keep them safe from their attackers. Criminals have no intentions of adhering to any gun control measures if they are intent on committing crimes that will endanger good men and women. Gun control will never be a harsh enough deterrent for those who commit violent crime and will always unduly threaten otherwise law-abiding citizens with jail time through capricious laws.

Michael Purifoy
Self
Baytown, TX

It's high time that the right to constitutional carry are restored to the law abiding Texans.

fernando amaya
self superintedient
conroe, TX

I support this bill, because being able to constitutional carry means i can keep my wife and kids safe in any given situation. This is more than just our right to bear arms but to feel safe protect those around us. many people are vulnerable and become victims, women get raped,abused killed. If we can show that we are not vulnerable anymore we would have less crime and would keep american citizens safe. 18 other states have constitutional carry and their crime rate is lower, it shows we the citizens are able to have our right to bear arms and still follow the laws and set examples.
