



May 3, 2018

The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor the State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

I am writing to request your veto of SB 1212, a bill that would allow permitless carrying of firearms in Oklahoma.

The business community is concerned about the broad implications of this bill for several reasons. First, the language would mark a major policy change in Oklahoma by eliminating the requirement that Oklahoma residents obtain a permit before carrying a loaded firearm in public. Second, the language has not been vetted through the committee process and we are not confident that it will keep firearms out of the hands of potentially dangerous individuals. Third, we are concerned that there is little to no recourse against an individual who chooses to ignore a business or property owner's request to keep guns off their premises.

If this bill is signed into law, it will make Oklahoma one of the only states where it is legal to carry concealed firearms in public without a permit. In the vast majority of states, including Oklahoma, a person must acquire a permit in order to legally carry a firearm in public. Permits ensure core public safety standards are preserved when individuals carry firearms in public.

Finally, the fiscal impact of over four million dollars (\$4,000,000) would significantly impact the state's budget. With the increase in taxation on businesses over the past few months, the act of adding a new expense to the budget is of great concern to us.

Sincerely,

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