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Sen. Campbell Joins Sen. Birdwell to Pass Campus Carry in the Senate

State Senator Donna Campbell released the following statement after today's successful vote to move SB 11 out of the Texas Senate:

"Concealed handgun license holders are the safest, most responsible gun owners in Texas according to DPS statistics. It is irresponsible on our part to disarm the good guys where violent offenders disregard the law.

A CHL holder must demonstrate beyond a reasonable doubt that they are a model citizen by undergoing a fingerprint background check. They must pass a range proficiency and written safety exam. They must be at least 21 years of age, have no felony convictions, have no history of chemical or alcohol dependence and no known history of psychological disorders. They cannot have had a class A or class B misdemeanor in the past 5 years, and they must be current on all taxes and child support. A criminal must prove none of this.

CHL holders make our environment more secure from criminals, not less. Statistics overwhelmingly back that up and it's with those statistics in mind that I am confident that passing SB 11 is the right thing to do for the safety of Texans. I am pleased to join Senator Birdwell in authoring this legislation to strengthen our second amendment rights, and I hope the House will move quickly to pass it and send it to the Governor."

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Senator Donna Campbell is a practicing emergency room physician who represents Senate District 25, including parts of Austin and San Antonio. She serves as the Chair of Veteran Affairs and Military Installations and lives in New Braunfels with the youngest of her four daughters.