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Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

Please vote down and oppose SB243 including all of its parts, pieces and amendment's, -1's through -infinity and all other bills relating to firearms that have come into the Oregon legislature so far this year. These bills have no purpose other than to turn over half of Oregonians into criminals and take away our 2nd amendment rights. Yes, over half of Oregonians own firearms and are good people that own them for a variety of good reasons. Every single one of these bills have been a horrible piece of legislation that just criminals good people that are exercising their constitutional rights. None of these bills do anything to prevent or penalize violent criminals that are committing the awful atrocities those in support of these bills are claiming they are. I truly hope you can use logic and sound judgement when voting on these bills and realize voting NO is the only option. They are unconstitutional and will not help. Do you have any idea how ridiculous it is currently to purchase a firearm even without the unconstitutional measure 114 in place. Ever since being Honorably Discharged from the United States Marine Corps with secret security clearances I normally have to wait between 1 week-1 month before my special Oregon firearm background checks are approved. I don't have any mental health issues, have never even committed a misdemeanor, have held a valid concealed carry license ever since I was 21 years old (17 years). I have an amazing wife and 2 beautiful young daughters. I am a business owner that employs 7 full time employees. Please stop trying to criminalize good people and taking away our rights. It's disgusting to watch politics in Oregon. When a bill has a hard time getting rammed through then another "light sounding bill" takes its place only to be gutted and stuffed similar to what this one has done. Your are not Kings and Queens. You represent us; that is your job! I don't want to sign off without leaving potential remedies to consider. Something that actually will help is incentivizing safe ownership of firearms such as giving a tax credit for purchases on firearm safes and firearm safety/instructional classes. Penalizing good people is not the answer but helping and promoting they do things safely is. Something else that has been proven to help is to actually enforcing current good laws. We keep seeing gun crimes committed and the criminals charges dropped and many times never even charged. Not utilizing the current good laws we have are endangering all of us. Good people who use there firearms for protection, self defense, hunting, target practice and competition are not the problem. The violent criminals are the problem. Please Vote NO on SB243