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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate Committee,

My name is Mark Forton, and I am a registered respiratory therapist as well as a father of four children. I am here today to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243. As a concerned citizen, I believe that this bill infringes upon the rights of responsible gun owners, and I find it deeply troubling both as a taxpayer and as someone who holds the Constitution in high regard.

First and foremost, if an individual is able to pass a federal background check, there should be no reason for the state to impose additional hurdles on their ability to lawfully purchase a firearm. The federal background check system is comprehensive and serves as a crucial safeguard to ensure that those who are prohibited from purchasing firearms cannot do so. Adding more layers of bureaucracy and barriers to lawful gun ownership is an unnecessary and redundant measure.

As a taxpayer, I am particularly concerned about the financial burden this bill would place on Oregon's residents. Taxpayer dollars should not be spent on measures that infringe upon the rights of individuals. Rather than using valuable state resources to impose further restrictions on lawful gun ownership, we should focus on using those funds to improve public safety and address real, pressing issues facing our communities, such as mental health support and crime prevention.

I am also deeply disappointed that this bill appears to be in direct opposition to the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The Constitution is the foundation of our nation, and any law that seeks to undermine it should be carefully scrutinized and rejected.

As a father, I believe in the importance of teaching our children the value of personal freedom and responsibility. This bill stands in direct contrast to those principles and threatens the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens.

I urge you to REJECT Senate Bill 243. It is a measure that undermines the rights of responsible gun owners, wastes taxpayer money, and goes against the core principles upon which our country was founded.

Sincerely,

Mark Forton

Respiratory Therapist and Father of Four