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On Behalf Of:

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SB243

Legislators,

As a Democrat and a survivor of the Clackamas Town Center shooting I oppose SB 243 that puts restrictions on CHL holders. We are trained citizens who have accepted the responsibility of carrying a firearm to protect ourselves and others. This is not taken lightly. Police cannot prevent crime, they cannot protect us. They are there after the fact to collect evidence for prosecution. In a time with rampant crime, underfunded police and understaffed police CHL holders should be viewed as an asset not villains. But that is unfortunately the tag lines that politicians keep pushing. Criminals are going to get their hands on guns no matter how difficult you make it for law abiding citizens to obtain one. And it baffles me as to how you cannot understand this. Its either ignorance or that you have an agenda that does not involve protecting your constituents and saving lives. While I do support certain restrictions, I must speak out against this bill that will cost law abiding citizens and potential protectors their freedom and maybe lives. This bill is restricting CHL holders is a poor political attempt to gain favor of an exploited group of victims. Being a survivor myself, I refuse to be identified as one of your puppets for disarmament. SB 243 and MZ 114 make me contemplate leaving the Democratic party. Mainly because you cant seem to actually get close to real solutions. Lumping law abiding citizens in with criminals is not a solution. Both need to go back to draft as the ignorance of the authors is on full display.