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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243.

My main concern regarding this bill is that it would allow public buildings to expand gun-free zones to include not just public buildings themselves, but also the adjacent grounds — an undefined term that could include sidewalks, parking lots, or public spaces nearby and create a confusing patchwork of rules where carrying legally in one area could be against the law in another. This would result in unnecessary and inconsistent rules and hurdles that responsible Oregonians would have to attempt to follow so that they can legally exercise their rights.

I understand that we all want safe and close-knit communities in Oregon, but SB 243 is not the way to go about it. It creates legal traps for people who follow the law while doing little to address the actual drivers of gun violence — like illegal trafficking and mental health crises.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Stoyanov