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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I urge you to oppose SB243. This Bill goes against my constitutional RIGHTS. It will only make the law abiding citizens into criminals with no criminal intent. Just a criminal by being in the wrong place. Why would you want to Strip 18-to-20-year-olds of their constitutional right to buy firearms, relegating them to a short list of outdated long guns while banning handguns entirely, leaving young adults defenseless and shattering rural traditions? Don't we give our 18yr old solders guns to protect these rights of ours? This makes no sense at all.

This useless Bill would Impose a punitive three-day waiting period on firearm purchases, stalling law-abiding citizens. While piling pointless delays on those already vetted by Oregon's strict background checks.

This Bill SB 243 would Ban unloaded firearms from vast swathes of public buildings, and Vague "adjacent grounds," disarming permit holders, creating soft targets for shooters, including teachers who want to protect their students, and sowing confusion with unclear boundaries.

This nasty bias bill will turn law-abiding gun owners into criminals overnight by outlawing the possession of commonly used rapid-fire activators—firearm accessories rarely tied to crime—while slamming manufacturers and sellers with felony charges.

But beyond these infringements on my rights, this bill does nothing to address the real issues driving gun deaths—mental health and violent crime.

Between 2019 and 2023, Oregon recorded 3,125 firearm-related deaths. Shockingly, 77% of these were suicides. While Oregon ranks among the worst states for mental health treatment access, we continue to see one of the highest rates of mental illness. Yet, rather than addressing these root causes, SB 243 imposes more restrictions that will do little to stop crime or reduce suicides.

Adding to my concerns, the process behind this bill has been an abuse of power. A 23-page amendment with sweeping new gun control measures was dropped just one day before the public hearing—replacing what was originally a half-page study bill. This last-minute maneuver has robbed Oregonians of the transparency and input they deserve, and it's being utilized more and more by unaccountable Democrats. Which is a very corrupt move and we do see this. It should be thrown out just because of the deception here.

It's time to reject this bill and focus on what will actually make Oregon safer. We need to tackle the mental health crisis and ensure we are enforcing existing laws to put criminals away—rather than punishing law-abiding citizens.

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