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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Testimony in Opposition to SB 243  
Chair and Members of the Committee,  
I strongly oppose SB 243.

This bill proposes a mandatory 72-hour waiting period on firearm and unfinished frame or receiver transfers—even after a buyer passes a background check. While I support thorough background checks, delaying a cleared purchase by an arbitrary three days serves no practical safety benefit. It only restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens and could leave individuals vulnerable in urgent self-defense situations.

Even more concerning is how SB 243 could criminalize responsible concealed carry permit holders simply for being near a gun-free zone. This unfairly targets law-abiding citizens who are already vetted, trained, and legally permitted to carry. It opens the door to unnecessary prosecution and confusion, especially in urban areas where gun-free zones are not always clearly marked or avoidable.

This bill does not deter crime—it penalizes the very people who follow the law. It adds red tape for dealers, delays lawful self-protection, and puts concealed carry holders at risk of becoming criminals for simply going about their day.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 243 and stand up for the rights and safety of responsible Oregonians.