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SB 423 infringes upon Oregonians rights as both citizens of Oregon and of the United States. The second amendment guarantees all citizens the right to bear arms and an unjust delay or waiting period on that right is unconstitutional and unduly burdens the rights of Oregonians. It would also not prevent any suicides. Our suicide rate is currently to lower by 1 per 100,000 than the "happiest country in the world", a country without anywhere near the same access to firearms. Instead we could focus on the mental health issues that affect vulnerable members of society, veterans, and children.

The second portion referring to "rapid firing devices" is purposefully vague and leaves room for anyone with a fast trigger finger and light trigger to be legally compromised, aside from the fact that these triggers and devices have already been tried at the Supreme Court level and decided that they were specifically NOT machine guns. Oregon seeks to waste taxpayer money on further court cases that they will ultimately lost at the federal level. It also seeks to make felons out of law abiding citizens currently in possession of these legally sound semi-automatic triggers and devices.

Thirdly, seeking to penalize the MOST RESPONSIBLE members of the gun owning community who have done the due diligence to legally carry their firearms by making it harder to determine and easier to prosecute them for carrying in public will only build animosity with the state among its constituents and lead to the arrest and imprisonment of innocent people looking to protect themselves and others.