

Opposition to SB243

I am writing in **opposition to SB243**. This bill infringes on the legal rights of LAWFUL gun owners. This bill does NOTHING to the curb gun violence of criminals. Criminals don't need laws to get their firearms. They have black markets and other thug friends that sell them. Drug dealers, gangs and thugs roam freely with their firearms in our cities and streets today.

Limiting law abiding firearms dealers and gun owners from purchasing or lawfully carrying with permits, is a blatant violation of our 2nd Amendment Rights given to us by the U.S. Constitution, of which you have sworn to uphold when you took your oath of office...Remember?

It's lawful gun owners who can de-escalate a crime if there is no police presence. As soon as they brandish their weapon, a criminal has to think twice before carrying out their robbery or assault on businesses and innocent civilians.

It was a legal gun owner who de-escalated the Clackamas Mall active shooter situation here in OR in 2012.

SB243 will leave innocent civilians vulnerable to **unlawful** criminal gun toters. The number of violent crimes will escalate in our state.

Uphold our freedom to lawfully defend ourselves.

Do not let SB243 pass!