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Testimony In Opposition to SB 243.

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SB 243 is another baseless attack on law abiding gun owners in Oregon motivated by the ever growing and mindless hatred Democrats have for people who attempt to exercise God-given, Constitutionally protected rights.

Others will point out the obvious problems this bill creates in an effort to punish Oregon's most responsible citizens, so there is no need to repeat those discussions here.

One point that *does* need to be made, (which will no doubt be wasted on those driven by bigotry) is the problem with the following definition in the bill:

(i)(A) "Rapid fire activator" means any device, including a removable manual or powerdriven device, part or combination of parts, constructed so that, when built into, installed on or attached to a firearm: (i) The rate at which the trigger is activated increases to a faster rate than is possible for the firearm without the device; or (ii) The rate of fire increases to a faster rate than is possible for a person to fire the firearm without the device. (B) "Rapid fire activator" includes, but is not limited to, a bump stock, forced reset trigger, trigger crank, hellfire trigger, binary trigger system, burst trigger system, switch, auto sear or a copy or similar device, regardless of the producer or manufacturer.

I am attaching a real, honest-to-God letter from the real BATF that indicates that your bill will likely outlaw shoe laces.

Certainly the manufacturers of loafers will applaud this bill.



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Mr. Brian A. Blakely

Dear Mr. Blakely:

This refers to your letter of February 6, 2004, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Firearms Technology Branch (FTB), in which you inquired about the legality of a small section of string intended for use as a means for increasing the cycling rate of a semiautomatic rifle.

As you may be aware, the National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. § 5845(b), defines "machinegun" to include the following:

...any weapon that shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. This term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, **any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun**, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person [bolding added].

In 1996, FTB examined and classified a 14-inch long shoestring with a loop at each end. The string was attached to the cocking handle of a semiautomatic rifle and was looped around the trigger and attached to the shooter's finger. The device caused the weapon to fire repeatedly until finger pressure was released from the string. Because this item was designed and intended to convert a semiautomatic rifle into a machinegun, FTB determined that it was a **machinegun** as defined in 26 U.S.C. 5845(b).

We thank you for your inquiry, regret the delay in response, and trust the foregoing has been responsive.

Sincerely yours,

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