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Oregon Legislators
State Capitol Building
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 140A
Salem, Oregon 97301

**From the Desk of
Senator Lisa Reynolds, MD**

Re: Firearm Public Safety Measure SB 243 – Support

Dear Oregon Legislators,

As a coalition of public safety advocates and concerned Oregonians, we write today in united and unequivocal support of **SB 243**, legislation that would prohibit the sale and possession of rapid fire devices and machinegun conversion devices in the state of Oregon.

These dangerous accessories—such as bump stocks, binary triggers, autosears, and Glock switches—can dramatically increase a semiautomatic firearm’s rate of fire, in some cases mimicking the function of a fully automatic machine gun. Devices like these have been used to unleash devastation in communities across the country, including in the Northwest.¹ Some of these tools enable a shooter to fire up to **1,200 rounds per minute**, overwhelming any reasonable public safety response and putting countless lives at risk in mere seconds.² Included in this bill is a prohibition on forced reset triggers (FRTs), which just last week deregulated by the Trump administration in a lawsuit settlement with the gun industry.

Oregon should not wait for tragedy to strike at home. More than **25 states**, including traditionally conservative states like **Alabama, Louisiana, Indiana, and Florida**, have already acted to ban devices like Glock switches.³ It is time for Oregon to join them.

Our state already recognizes the extreme threat posed by automatic weapons. Under current law, machineguns are illegal when fully assembled.⁴ But unless we close the loophole that allows for the sale and proliferation of these rapid fire accessories and conversion devices, we leave our communities exposed to weapons of war that can be built in basements and garages.

¹ Portland Police Bureau, “Suspects Face Felony Charges After Seizure of a Full Auto Pistol and Revolver,” June 27, 2024, available at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/news/read.cfm?id=533552>.

² Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, “Auto Sears / Glock Switches Prohibited.” Available at <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/law/auto-sears-glock-switches-prohibited/>.

³ AL, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, IA, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NM, NV, NY, NC, OH, RI, SC, TN, VA, and WI.

⁴ ORS § 166.210.

Additionally, Oregon had the highest number of armed intimidation threats in the country (according to the Bridging Divides Initiative).⁵ Allowing local governments and special districts the option to prevent firearms from being carried into spaces used for official meetings helps stop armed intimidation and encourage a healthy Democratic process.

SB 243 is a common-sense, proactive step that addresses the tools that make mass shootings more deadly. It would help prevent future tragedies and keep Oregon aligned with the national trend toward stronger gun safety laws that address the most dangerous firearms and devices available.

We urge you to act now by supporting and passing SB 243. Our coalition stands ready to work alongside you to make Oregon a safer place for everyone.

Sincerely,

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⁵ The next highest counts are: Texas (67), Pennsylvania (45), Georgia (41), and Washington (41). For more information on state-by-state counts and rates, [see this datasheet](https://acleddata.com/). (<https://acleddata.com/>)