

I Amanda Harding, am testifying to the poorly worded and structured "Senate Bill 243." My first reason for objecting is from the wording used in the bill itself. This bill/document is very hard to understand, and has multiple bills merged into one causing nothing more than confusion.

Second, it would be unconstitutional to raise the age to twenty-one when purchasing a firearm. If the state is worried about firearms falling into the wrong hands of Oregonians, the state needs to acknowledge that age has nothing to do with it and if so, the state should have to prove those findings (which it cannot).

Regarding the ban of rapid-fire devices, how would the state of Oregon legitimately and correctly verify those who already LEGALLY owned these devices before they were banned? From those who purchased the devices after the ban date. The state does not have the proper funding or knowledge on how to conduct these checks, plain and simple.

Regarding the seventy-two-hour waiting period for firearm purchases, Oregon already has a waiting period when the background checks are processed. Why would it be beneficial to add more time onto the waiting period? If the state feels that this is an important law to add, they need to release factual, legitimized data showing gun violence is DIRECTLY related to waiting periods. The state of Oregon at this time cannot provide that data as well, considering our current background process.

Because of these reasons listed above, and because of the fact I dedicated a portion of my life to serve this country and the bill of rights it provides us, I am strongly opposing this bill. Oregon legislators are ignoring most of its citizens and trying to take away our constitutional second amendments rights for nothing more than what seems to be a money scandal. Do better Oregon, I am truly ashamed of how our legislators are slowly destroying this beautiful state we call home.

Respectfully,

-Amanda Harding

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