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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

To the Senators on the Judiciary committee,

I'm writing today to share my opposition to SB243. This bill, or rather these four bills, are extraordinarily divisive, and come at a time when Oregon is deeply divided on this issue. About 51% of Oregonians are firearm owners, and a measure like 114 passed with only 50.6% of the vote. This shows how exactly and deeply divided that we are over the issue of firearms.

A bill like this is coming at a very bad time. It will only serve to make this issue more difficult to deal with, and will likely result in even more litigation over its very legality. And with Duncan V. Bonta likely headed to the Supreme court, SB243 will likely end up being scrutinized under the Bruen test as well.

Now is not the time for a bill so extreme and far reaching. This bill needs to fail.

Thank you for your time.