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SB243

SB 243 is not proven to protect the public or reduce gun violence in Oregon. In fact it will only affect those who have the need to defend themselves the most, those in poor neighborhoods where gang activity is most prominent.

Crime is not a problem of the upper class of rich. Those who can afford to live in gated communities or live in affluent areas already have the attention of the police and are generally well protected. A quick google search shows that places like Lake Oswego who tend to have more upper class folks living there do not have the same crime rate as places like Gresham, which has more crime than many places in Oregon. Gresham is also where most lower class folks live. Places like Gresham have slower police responses and are regularly overwhelmed and cannot respond to every call.

I feel that it is a great disservice to those who live in such degraded areas, to make them wait or limit in any way the choice they should have as a free American to protect themselves how they see fit.