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While all four components of SB 243 are problematic, the age restriction language contained in the bill would negatively affect our youth and young adult hunters and sport shooters. Restricting possession of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns fails to take into account the standard uses of semi-automatic shotguns in waterfowl, upland bird, and turkey hunting, as well as being a primary firearm of high school and collegiate sport shooting teams. There are many high school aged competitive trap shooters in the Yamhill-Carlton Trap team and Canby Rod, Gun Club youth trap league, and Oregon High School trap teams that would no longer be able to participate in the trap shooting sport. We would lose a rich part of our state heritage and the possibility of more Olympic medalists like Vincent Hancock growing up in the trap and skeet shooting competitions during their school years.

Additionally, due to the language stipulating that a firearm could only be transferred to a minor from a parent or guardian, firearms training and educational courses, such as the shotgun skills courses presented by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, would no longer be able to provide temporary firearms to students under 21.

The age restriction language in SB 243 creates numerous barriers to entry for new youth and young adult hunters and sport shooters who want to participate in hunting and shooting activities and therefore I strongly oppose the bill.