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#### SB 243

\* Section 1 the use of the term “Gun Dealer” is biased and an intentionally used misnomer designed to impeach the legitimacy of the occupation of Federally Licensed Firearms brokers. I believe this language is disparaging, and creates the erroneous impression that these 1800 Legal and legitimate Oregonian small businesses are comparable to “Gun Runners” and movie villains.

Additionally, forcing the prospective legal buyer to wait 72 hours before they may take possession of their legally transferred firearm is punitive and often redundant, and does not reduce crime, but potentially hinders Oregonians from their legal and constitutional right to purchase firearms. Many times the OSP are backlogged and buyers are forced to wait weeks, or months before the state police process the transfer. Adding 72 hours to that is ridiculous. As for the cool off period to prevent suicide, the late artist Kurt Cobain purchased a firearm with the intent of taking his own life, waited the mandatory 5 days per law in Washington & still committed the unfortunate act. Waiting times don't prevent crime, nor save lives!

#### \* Section 2 Rapid Fire activators

To date, there have been no recorded Rapid Fire Activators used in the commission of a crime. Any proposed legislation against ownership of a rapid fire activator is based on anecdotal scenarios and not based on a precedence of criminal offenses, here in Oregon.

Furthermore these triggers or activators do not convert any weapon to Full Automatic, which is already illegal, each report from the rapid fire activator is engaged by a deliberate motion from the user.

Rapid fire activators do not make the firearm exponentially more deadly, it's quite literally the opposite. As a soldier trained in high intensity combat marksmanship, rapid fire and recoil make the firearm less accurate, based on physics.

#### \* Sections 3 & 4 Age Restrictions

Prohibiting Oregonians from legally protecting themselves until they are 21 puts young Oregonians in unnecessary preventable danger by not allowing them to protect themselves in their homes and leave plenty of young adults vulnerable as they pursue independence by moving out of their parents homes, making them targets for opportunistic criminals.

#### \* Sections 7 & 8 Public Area Restrictions

Proposing to Add “and the grounds adjacent to each such [public buildings]” and

“within a building or public grounds” criminalizes law abiding Oregonians who wish to legally protect themselves until themselves with a legally concealed, or open carried firearm by simply driving from a public thoroughfare into a public parking lot of a publicly owned building. These proposed amendments force law abiding citizens to either choose risking their personal safety, to and from these amended public buildings, or personal risk losing their personal freedoms by doing something as simple as making a wrong turn into a parking lot of a publicly owned building building, and airport drop-off. This only criminalizes legal gun owners while protecting themselves and their families, Whereas criminals aren’t concerned with obeying signs and legislation when it comes to dangerous “Gun Free Zones”