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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I'm writing to let you know my opposition in whole of SB 243. This Bill was obviously written in such context as to make any legal gun owner fear owning a fire arm with the intent of making them a criminal. Section 2 "Creates a Class A misdemeanor crime of unlawful possession of a rapid fire activator if a person knowingly possesses, purchases, or receives a rapid fire activator." This basically makes every gun owner a criminal for owning a semi automatic fire arm.

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, Boy scouts of America, would no longer be able to provide temporary firearms to students under 21. Both my boys have taken hunter training courses and have gotten their Firearm and shotgun Merit badges and if this had been in affect they would not have been able to get this training or achieve these awards.

Then there is the piece that is written in such a manner as to put the expense on those building owners that would allow concealed carry on their premise to provide the signage. Thus, even if the owner did allow concealed carry on their premise, by the very nature that they do not have a sign, and individual could be prosecuted for having a concealed carry which virtually denies concealed carry from any building by the very language in which this is written. The ownness and language should be of such that anyone that does not want concealed carry on their premise must provide the appropriate signage.

Sincerely

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