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I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns about the age restriction language in SB 243.

While all four components of SB 243 are indeed problematic, the age restriction language stands out as particularly detrimental to our youth and young adult hunters and sport shooters. The bill's restriction on the possession of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns fails to consider the standard uses of semi-automatic shotguns in waterfowl, upland bird, and turkey hunting. These shotguns are also a primary firearm for many high school and collegiate sport shooting teams, making this restriction highly impactful.

Additionally, the language stipulating that a firearm can only be transferred to a minor by a parent or guardian would significantly hinder firearms training and educational courses. For example, the shotgun skills courses presented by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife would no longer be able to provide temporary firearms to students under 21, which would greatly limit educational opportunities.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.