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I oppose this bill and you should to. It's unconstitutional, it's an infringement and should be thrown out. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars.

SB243 is yet another example of a bill that should be dismissed.

The bill targets lawful citizens, not criminals. Criminals don't follow laws, which is why they are criminals.

Enforcement should focus on illegal possession and use by criminals, not a new law that restricts law-abiding citizens and does nothing to stop criminals.

We have existing laws that already prohibit machine guns and illegal modifications. '

At the age of 18, a person is a legal adult. This bill denies their rights, and it's unconstitutional and inconsistent with other legal responsibilities.

The same 18-yr olds that are LEGALLY purchasing firearms are using them for self-defense, hunting or sport shooting.

Criminals, regardless of age do not follow age-restrictions. Criminals are already breaking other laws, and this law doesn't reduce crime.

Criminals do not legally purchase firearms, they steal them. Waiting periods do not stop criminals. This law only prevents the people who follow the law.

Waiting periods violate the right to self-defense.

Suicide prevention requires mental health solutions, not delays on gun purchases.

This rationale is misplaced on firearms, when it should be placed on adequately funding mental health services, interventions and outreach programs. Reduce the waitlists for people to see therapists and practitioners so they can get to the root of the problem.

Gun-free zones do not stop criminals. This should be obvious, but criminals ignore signage. Over 90% of "mass killings" happen in established gun free zones. Why? Because the criminals know that's where there are soft targets that won't be able to resist.

Concealed carry permit holders are the ally, not the problem. They have completed background checks, they are fingerprinted, they have a personal conviction about self-defense, and are the most law-abiding citizens. This law does nothing to stop real threats, and disarms those that are responsible and makes them potential victims.

These bills do nothing to improve public safety, do not focus on the causes of crime or the actions of criminals, are unconstitutional, waste taxpayer dollars and restrict the ability of law-abiding people's rights. Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws against violent criminals. Oregon should focus on funding mental health solutions and address suicide prevention through outreach and partnering with schools and workplaces with resources and support. Make mental health and

therapists available to all Oregonians, not by restricting self-defense.

Elected officials and legislators need to respect and protect constitutional rights, they have a higher responsibility to uphold and legislate in accordance with the Constitution.

Lawmakers should reject these bills and focus on enforcement of existing laws and mental health.