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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate Committee,

My name is Christina Forton, and I am a concerned Oregon resident and a mother of four children. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243. As a parent, taxpayer, and citizen, I believe this bill unjustly infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, and I urge you to consider the broader consequences of this legislation.

It is my belief that if an individual can pass a federal background check, the state has no right to add additional barriers or make it more difficult for them to purchase a firearm. The federal background check system is already in place to ensure that individuals who should not have access to firearms are prevented from doing so. By adding more layers of bureaucracy and regulation, this bill creates unnecessary hurdles that do nothing to enhance public safety but only serve to restrict the rights of responsible gun owners.

As a taxpayer, I am deeply concerned about the financial implications of this bill. Oregon residents are already burdened with numerous taxes and expenses, and the resources that would be allocated to implement and enforce this legislation could be better spent on initiatives that directly benefit our communities. I believe that our tax dollars should be used wisely, focusing on real issues such as mental health resources, education, and crime prevention, rather than going toward a measure that infringes upon our rights.

This bill also disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, including BIPOC and LGBT individuals, who are already at a higher risk of facing discrimination and violence. By further restricting access to firearms, we are putting vulnerable communities in even greater danger by denying them the means to protect themselves. Rather than making it harder for these groups to exercise their rights, we should be focused on fostering equality and ensuring that everyone, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation, has the ability to defend themselves and their loved ones.

In conclusion, I strongly OPPOSE Senate Bill 243 and urge you to vote against it. This bill represents an unnecessary and harmful infringement on the rights of responsible citizens, wastes taxpayer money, and undermines the Constitution. Instead of creating more restrictions, we should focus on measures that protect our communities without infringing upon the freedoms of law-abiding individuals, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Christina Forton

Mother of Four Children