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As a staunch defender of the Second Amendment, I find the amended Oregon SB 243 deeply troubling. Here's why:

I'm an Oregon native and I feel that over the years my rights have been slowly chipped away at. The 2nd amendment guarantees my right to keep and bear arms. It's not a suggestion, it's a fundamental freedom. These omnibus bills, cramming multiple restrictions together, feel like they're trying to sneak these changes past us. It's a death by a thousand cuts, just another gut and stuff bill.

This is punishing me, the law-abiding citizen: Criminals don't care about these laws. They'll get their guns regardless. All this does is make it harder for me, someone who follows the rules, to protect myself and my family. It's like they're saying, "We'll take away your means of defense, not enforce the laws on the books, and create additional laws that will only affect the law abiding citizen.

These restrictions don't work: Look at the data. Stricter gun laws don't magically stop violence. They often miss the real problems: mental health, gangs, the root causes of crime. Instead of focusing on those, they want to take away my right to self-defense. That's not a solution, it's a distraction.

This feels like an overreach: The government is trying to tell me what I can and can't own. Where does it stop? First, it's this, then it's that. I'm a responsible gun owner, and I deserve to be treated like one.

I keep hearing in the news that Oregon is having issues with it's budget, especially with some federal funding going away, the huge PERS deficit, I have to wonder where Oregon is going to come up with the funds to implement these new unconstitutional laws. And these will be ruled unconstitutional, but not until millions of Oregonians tax dollars are wasted.