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Testimony in Support of SB 243

Good Afternoon. My name is Alicia Infante, and I am the Political Action Chair for Hillsboro Classified United 4671, and I'm here to represent and speak for the 1,300+ classified staff employed with the Hillsboro School District. I am here to tell you that we strongly support SB 243 for the safety of our students.

I often hear from those that oppose firearm regulations that "guns don't kill people, people kill people." SB 243 is about making sure that people who should not have guns are prevented from getting them. How can anyone argue against that in good faith?

I've even heard tonight from the opposition that requiring a permit to exercise a constitutional right is unfair. Yet, many of these same voices support requiring an ID to vote — another constitutional right. This bill provides mitigation, solutions, and forms of prevention which I have not heard this evening from any of the opposition — When we have a serious problem, and we clearly do, are we not supposed to provide solutions? Try a different approach? Or are we to let the problem continue and just complain because we don't like the solutions others have presented?

This is about responsibility. We regulate who can drive a car, who can practice medicine, and who can work with children. In my first career, I spent a decade as a hairstylist and salon manager, if OSHA ever found even a single stray hair clinging to a drawer, it was immediately flagged as a serious safety violation—because even the smallest trace of hair left behind was considered a significant public health hazard by sanitation standards. Why should owning a deadly weapon be unmanaged to a different extent?

If you oppose this bill, you are effectively saying that administrative delays, money and hypothetical concerns about "government overreach" are more important than LIVES! Nonetheless the lives of children! That is unacceptable. This bill is not radical — it's responsible and responsible adults can handle accountability. We urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you.