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The Oregon Constitution reads : Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]

The US Constitution reads: Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

This submitted testimony for SB243 purports to "Requires the Department of State Police to study the efficiency of firearm transfer criminal background checks", but it is very clearly NOT that.

I am vehemently opposed to this bill which has all intentions to limit and take away the constitutional rights of law abiding Oregon citizens! It may have started out as a study of background checks but has morphed into something unconscionable. The permit to purchase idea already failed and can't work, other than to cause a huge backlog of red tape in the process of handgun purchases, is that the goal here? As a purchaser of a handgun, with no record of any sort, even a traffic ticket, if the gun shop is unable to get through the new slow red tape process within 30 minutes then there will be an estimate on how much longer my constitutional rights will be infringed? After that, I would have to wait 72 hours from whenever they get approval to complete the purchase? That is utterly ridiculous. And how is this doing anything but creating a log jam? How is this doing anything but taking rights from law abiding citizens? Do anyone actually think that the bad guys, the criminals, will follow these new ridiculous laws? If they are not following the ones now they certainly will not follow any new ones that are made up. Then there are the men and women that only need to be 18 to fight for our freedoms, yet you must be 21 to apply for a firearm, taking rights away from those between 18 and 21. The public area restrictions will potentially take away my right to carry concealed at/near my place of employment and the grounds adjacent, or when near a school or other public area.

Both the Oregon and US Constitution state that I have a RIGHT to defend myself and my home and family. Without the government limiting those rights. ANY limitations on my constitutional right to bear arms, is heading down a slippery slope. If you infringe on my ability to purchase said arms, how will I defend myself, as is my right? This misguided bill will inhibit me through a series of red tape processes. This bill is clearly written without consideration for the good people of Oregon and their rights under the

Oregon and US constitutions, the criminals will not follow or be harmed by this misguided attempt, leaving me, my family, and my fellow Oregonians less safe and losing our rights.

Please do not pass this flawed legislation. There are laws in place to protect Oregonians safety and freedoms, this will only make us less safe and less able to defend ourselves. The laws were put in place by the writers of these constitutions to allow us to protect our freedoms. Don't make the mistake of taking freedom from the good people of Oregon.

I OPPOSE THIS BILL AND ALL BILLS THAT ATTEMPT TO LIMIT OR TAKE MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.