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Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Oppose Oregon SB 243 and Amendment 27451 - Protect Business & Customer Rights

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243 and Proposed Amendment 27451, currently under consideration by the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee. This legislation poses a significant threat to my business, my customers' rights, and the responsible firearms community in Oregon. Shooting sports are a very important bonding time for my family and this will very much negatively impact our family time.

Specifically, Proposed Amendment 27451 would:

- Impose a mandatory 72-hour waiting period on all firearm purchases, even after a successful background check.
- Require a permit-to-purchase for all firearm transactions, adding unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles and costs.
- Further restrict the ability of law-abiding Oregonians to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

These proposed measures will have detrimental consequences, including:

- **Economic Harm to Small Businesses:** The mandatory waiting period will delay sales, discourage customers, and negatively impact on the financial stability of small firearm retailers like mine. The permit-to-purchase requirement adds additional costs and slows down the sales process
- **Increased Administrative Burden:** These regulations will create unnecessary paperwork and administrative burdens for businesses and employees, diverting resources from serving customers.
- **Disproportionate Impact on Rural Communities:** In rural areas, where access to permit-issuing agencies is often limited, these restrictions will create significant barriers for law-abiding citizens seeking to exercise their rights.
- **Ineffectiveness in Preventing Crime:** These measures will not deter criminals. Instead, they will primarily burden law-abiding citizens and businesses.

I urge you to consider the negative impact of SB 243 and Amendment 27451 on Oregon businesses and citizens. This legislation will not enhance public safety but will instead create unnecessary obstacles for law-abiding individuals and businesses. This measure is also harmful to family traditions.

I respectfully request that you vote against SB 243 and Amendment 27451. Protecting the rights of Oregon's citizens and supporting responsible businesses is crucial.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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