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Senate Committee on Judiciary considering SB243:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

As you know, Oregon has one of the highest firearm suicide rates in the country and passage of a 72 hour waiting period could save lives. Taking away the quick access to guns would give pause to someone considering suicide and to those posing a danger to others.

Raising the age to 21 for purchasing and possessing semi automatic rifles would save lives as we know that 18-21 year olds commit a disproportionate number of gun related homicides.

Banning rapid fire devices for the purposes of converting semi automatic rifles into machine guns is a sensible move to save lives. Why does a person in my community need a machine gun?

In our increasingly violent country, allowing public buildings to adopt regulations limiting concealed handgun licensees' provides safety for our public servants and those who access public services, including school children.

My family members who hunt will not be harmed by this bill. I support this bill for the safety of my community and all Oregonians.

Please support SB243. Thank you for your service to all Oregonians.