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I am writing to express my strong support for bill SB 243, a critical piece of legislation that aims to enhance public safety by implementing several key measures concerning gun safety.

Firstly, the bill seeks to ban rapid fire devices on guns, a step that I believe is essential in reducing the potential for mass shootings and other violent incidents. Such devices significantly increase the lethality of firearms, and their prohibition would be a major stride toward preventing future tragedies.

Moreover, the bill introduces mandatory waiting periods for gun purchases. This measure is crucial in providing a necessary cooling-off period for individuals considering buying a firearm, thereby helping to prevent impulsive acts of violence. Waiting periods have been shown to be effective in reducing both homicides and suicides, and their implementation would undoubtedly contribute to saving lives.

Lastly, raising the age to purchase a gun to 21 is a commonsense approach that aligns with other age restrictions on activities that require a high level of responsibility and maturity, such as alcohol consumption. Young adults are still developing emotionally and cognitively, and this measure would help ensure that firearms are only accessible to individuals who are more likely to handle them responsibly.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that bill SB 243 represents a significant step forward in our efforts to address gun violence and protect our communities. I urge you to support this important legislation and help make our society safer for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.