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The Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Senator Prozanski and the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Alexandra Smith and I reside in The Dalles, OR. I am a homeschooling Mom of three tweens, originally from Chicago, IL. I am continually involved at our church, in our local sports clubs, and in art venues, as well as caring for my neighbors.

I am writing you to ask that you consider the negative effects of Senate Bill 243 on rural gun owners. Much of the Gorge and Eastern Oregonians provide for themselves through hunting and similar activities. Part of this lifestyle is passing on the knowledge of and respect for guns of all types to their children. Even in our city, mental health and homelessness are greater recurring issues with which we need your help. Bills such as this seem to take energy away from providing support and resources in the mental health arena. Please instead consider passing a Bill to bolster support for people and organizations who can tend to the needs of drug addicts, the mentally ill, and the homeless. Several programs in The Dalles which would benefit from your support are the Youth Empowerment Shelter, The Next Door, Center for Living, and the Community Action Program.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know if you are able to remove this Bill further restricting gun ownership.

Thank you for your time, for serving our state, and for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Smith