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Hello,

I am not yet an Oregon resident and I'm writing to express my opposition to SB 243. Simply put, SB 243 punishes and criminalizes peaceable gun owners such as myself.

While waiting periods may help to reduce suicide, we should not hinder the rights of all people due to some wanting to commit self harm. Will you suggest banning cars in closed garages since that is a way people can commit suicide?

Raising the age to own a firearm from 18 to 21 is an insult to all adults aged 18-20. The legal age of adulthood is 18 and there should be no restriction of any rights once a peaceable person turns 18.

If you think 18 is too young to be a responsible adult then you need to either:
A) Raise the age of adulthood for everything, to include voting and military service.
Or
B) Shift societies priorities towards raising children to be responsible adults once they are 18

Restricting the carrying of firearms in an increasing amount of "sensitive spaces" creates a confusing scenario where a peaceable person suddenly becomes a criminal for walking on the wrong sidewalk. Not to mention that this creates more areas that force these peaceable persons to become subject to the whims of any violent criminal that wants to take advantage of those who follow laws.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement. I hope to become a fellow Oregonian in the next couple of years.

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