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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Kerry Spurgin, President, Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA).



Subject: Opposition to SB243 and HB3075-3076

I am writing to you today in my Opposition of SB243 and similarly HB3075-3076.

Our overriding opposition to SB243, and HB 3075-3076 is that they are not addressing the true goal of saving lives. Saving lives by reducing violent crime and suicide should be the goal of Oregon's legislation. These bills do not serve that goal.

What does save lives? The [Oregon State Shooting Association \(OSSA\)](#), as well as the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges (OASR) have and continue to drive the ONLY active and effective suicide programs in this state; through outstanding collaborations with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Oregon Firearms Safety Coalition (OFSC), and key active members of Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

These programs engage Oregonians upstream and provide tools and strategies to stay healthy and safe. We engage key groups to make impacts. An example of this is the upcoming legislation in HB3884.

Unfortunately, the writers of SB243, and HB 3075-3076 and the majority party do not support these programs. Additionally, these programs, as well as Oregon's Taskforce on suicide prevention have been silenced and deliberately excluded from the latest deceptive "informational meeting" orchestrated to focus on their true goal.

If these laws do not stop violent crime, and they do not save lives from suicide, what is left?

SB243, and HB 3075-3076 serve only to Disarm Lawful Oregon citizens.

- These laws burden only lawful citizens and will not impact violent offenders and do not address Oregon's suicide crisis.
- These laws extend duplicate overreaching regulation, permit processes, and unconstitutional infringements intended to deny and prevent lawful firearms ownership and possession.
- These laws establish costs that will disproportionately impact Oregonian's and drive Oregon businesses Out of Business.

SB243, and HB 3075-3076 must stop, these laws do not save lives, they only disarm Oregon citizens and put Oregon businesses out of business.

Thank you.

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