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Subject: Opposition to SB 243 and Unconstitutional Firearm Restrictions

Dear Oregon Senators

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 243 and any legislation that seeks to impose magazine capacity limits, ban firearm components, or restrict law-abiding citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights. These measures are unconstitutional under both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions and serve only to make legally owned firearms ineffective for self-defense while doing nothing to prevent violent crime.

By limiting magazine capacity and restricting key firearm components, the state is effectively rendering legally owned firearms non-operational in real-world self-defense situations. Law-abiding Oregonians who rely on their right to bear arms for protection are being placed at a severe disadvantage against criminals who, by definition, do not obey firearm laws. These restrictions disproportionately impact vulnerable individuals—women, the elderly, and those in high-crime areas—who may need more than an arbitrary number of rounds to stop a threat.

Furthermore, these bans violate the Supreme Court's rulings in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), which reaffirmed that the Second Amendment protects commonly owned firearms and their necessary components. Standard-capacity magazines and widely used firearm parts are essential for lawful self-defense and should not be arbitrarily restricted under the guise of public safety.

Additionally, the proposal to raise the minimum firearm purchasing age to 21 is both backwards and unjust. At the age of 17, I was trained in the U.S. Army to handle fully automatic weapons in defense of our beloved nation. It is absurd to suggest that someone deemed responsible enough to fight and potentially give their life for their country is somehow too immature to own a semi-automatic firearm for self-defense at

home. If 18-year-olds can be entrusted with the defense of our nation, they should not be denied the right to defend themselves and their families.

Oregon should focus on enforcing existing laws against violent criminals rather than creating new restrictions that only impact responsible gun owners. I urge you to oppose SB 243 and any similar legislation that infringes upon the constitutional rights of Oregonians while failing to enhance public safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
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