

Testimony Opposing Amendments to SB 243

To Whom It May Concern,

Tune into any Portland area news broadcast and you'll see 'Breaking News, Shooting in Portland'. This happens multiple times a month. It is no longer 'Breaking News', it happens all too often.

But this is 'Portlandia' and not representative of the rest of Oregon. Do shootings occur outside of 'Portlandia', yes, but it is rare.

Following the money. Contributions that support the purposed gun laws are coming from out of state anti-gun groups. Everytown, Giffords, Brady (the typical players) and various campaign committees like Tina Kotex and Kate Brown (also supported by the above).

Take Measure 114, proposed and authored by Portland's Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson, the chair of the advocacy group Lift Every Voice (once again, partially funded by the above players). Measure 114 was born out of the need to curb Portlandia's rampant gun violence, not representative of the rest of our beautiful state.

The 2025 proposed gun laws are burdensome and wholly unfair to the rest of Oregon's law-abiding gun owners. Laws that will do little to curb the kind of violence that is taking place in the larger population areas. If you want to crack-down on 'gun violence', put the effort where it's needed.

I urge you to reconsider the purposed 2025 Gun Laws, including SB 243, and protect the rights of Oregon's law-abiding gun owners.

Sincerely,
Scott Shearer, a lifelong resident of the Willamette Valley.