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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB696

Dear Senate Committee On Judiciary,

I strongly oppose SB 696, which aims to ban "rapid fire activators."

If passed, this measure will conflict with current Federal Law pertaining to "bump stocks," as the original Trump-era ban was overturned in 2024. Thousands of bump stocks and similar devices have likely been purchased by Oregonians who correctly assumed it was legal to do so. Now, this bill aims to turn them into criminals!

By broadly defining and restricting firearm accessories that are not inherently illegal under federal law, SB 696 could (and should) invite legal challenges for violating both state and federal constitutional protections. SB 696 turns responsible gun owners into criminals overnight simply for possessing certain firearm accessories. The bill does not differentiate between those who have lawfully acquired these items for recreational or competitive shooting and those with criminal intent. This approach punishes individuals who have followed all existing laws and regulations while doing nothing to target violent criminals.

Furthermore, the bill imposes severe penalties—up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for transferring, manufacturing, or transporting a rapid-fire activator, and up to a year in jail for mere possession. These excessive punishments do not fit the nature of the alleged offense and could disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens who may not even be aware of the new restrictions.

There is little evidence to suggest that banning rapid-fire activators will meaningfully reduce crime or enhance public safety. The vast majority of gun-related crimes and mass shootings do not involve these devices.

By banning firearm accessories that are not firearms themselves, SB 696 sets a concerning precedent for further state-level restrictions on law-abiding gun owners. If this bill passes, what is to stop future legislation from targeting other commonly owned firearm components? Such incremental restrictions erode the Second Amendment rights of responsible citizens under the guise of public safety without actually making communities safer.

Please reject this damaging bill which is clearly an unconstitutional infringement on Second Amendment rights.

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