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This bill is an unlawful piece of legislation and must not be allowed to pass.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill, and urge the legislature to ABANDON the efforts here, and side with our Federally Protected rights as American Citizens.

This does nothing more than attempt to make criminals out of law abiding citizens, and infringe on our rights. The proper legal analysis for items is how are they legally used, not how might they be misused. Take cars for example, are we going to ban them because someone could drive into a crowd of people killing many? Or because they could drive drunk? No, that's absurd, and so is this section of the bill.

The rate of fire of a firearm does not make a firearm illegal, nor should that be a measure of consideration. There are many people that can achieve a very high rate of fire with their finger, shoulder, and a standard trigger. Federal law does not define a 'Machine Gun' by rate of fire, it defines it by mechanical mechanism, because if it were rate of fire then a firearm would be considered 'Semi-auto' in the hands of one person and a 'Machine Gun' in the hands of another. It's arbitrary, and completely subjective.

The bill incorrectly lumps "Glock Switches" which by legal definition are already illegal machine guns under federal law, with countless other trigger enhancements that are not machine guns legally. Even the restrictions on Machine Guns have been challenged in some courts and been found unconstitutional. It's a short matter of time before the Hughes Amendment is overturned. Which would make actual machineguns legal, but this bill would seek to ban rapid fire semi-automatics.

There are hundreds of thousands of these legal so called 'Rapid Fire Activators' in common use by Americans for lawful purposes. Common uses include target practice, sport shooting, training, and self defense applications. That is the Heller methodology, if it's "in common use" by Americans for lawful purposes, it cannot be banned, therefore these triggers cannot be banned. All this law will do is seek to create criminals, and subject the state to large amounts of federal and state litigation, wasting taxpayer dollars. I urge you to abandon this folly!

While rapid fire triggers they may not be practical to carry for every day self-defense situations, they certainly have a valid purpose for training for potential invasion scenarios. We as Americans have a duty to our country to be able to act in defense of our country and state from threats to it, and an enemy invasion is possible. It was

once said by some enemy general that one of the reasons they didn't want to invade America on land was because there's a gun behind every blade of grass. Unfortunately that's not the case anymore, and we are appearing weaker to adversaries that would seek to do us harm. It is our right and duty to be prepared for anything. It is a lawful purpose.

Furthermore, the US DOJ has recently issued a press release encouraging all states and localities to stop infringing on 2A protected rights. I will attach that as additional testimony. Failure to stop infringing on our rights will result in action by the US DOJ. I have personally already filed Civil Rights Violation claims against Oregon, and will continue to do so until these infringements are resolved.