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On Behalf Of: The Majority
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

As of this submission, the Oregon Legislature has received:

167 testimonies in support of SB243

1,070 testimonies in opposition

That means only 13.5% support this bill, while 86.5% oppose it—a landslide rejection by the people of Oregon. That disparity should matter.

SB243 is not about public safety. It's about punishing responsible gun owners while doing nothing to deter criminals who already ignore the law. The people opposing this bill—over one thousand of them—aren't criminals. They're your neighbors, veterans, law enforcement, single moms, hunters, sport shooters, and everyday Oregonians who understand this simple truth: laws that only affect the law-abiding are not solutions, they are traps.

SB243 adds complexity, criminalizes technicalities, and creates new pathways for good people to become accidental felons. It's government overreach cloaked as safety—legislation aimed at control, not protection.

If lawmakers genuinely want to address violence, go after violent offenders. Enforce existing laws. Hold repeat criminals accountable. But don't pretend that burdening law-abiding citizens with another vague, overbroad law will stop someone with criminal intent.

When over 1,000 Oregonians take time out of their day to say no to a bill like this—many writing deeply personal, thoughtful, and urgent pleas—it's not just noise. It's democracy speaking. Please listen.

Respectfully submitted,
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