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

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Travis Bledsoe, and I am an Oregon resident and law-abiding citizen who stands in defense of our constitutional right to bear arms. I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed 72-hour waiting period for firearm purchases, along with any related legislation that infringes on Second Amendment rights.

The imposition of a mandatory 72-hour waiting period constitutes an unnecessary delay for law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional right. These individuals have already passed background checks and met all legal requirements. To arbitrarily delay their ability to purchase a firearm not only violates the spirit of the Constitution but sets a dangerous precedent of treating rights as privileges.

Furthermore, this waiting period creates logistical and financial challenges for gun dealers and buyers alike. Small, local gun shops—many of which are family-owned—will bear the brunt of the administrative burden, delayed transactions, and lost revenue. Buyers may be forced to make multiple trips, take additional time off work, or even lose access to a critical means of self-defense during that waiting window. What's more concerning is the unknown and untold fiscal impact this legislation could have on Oregon taxpayers and small businesses. The state has not provided a comprehensive financial assessment of the resources needed for enforcement, compliance tracking, or administrative oversight. This uncertainty only adds to the burden being placed on responsible citizens and small business owners, with no clear evidence of public safety benefits.

Above all, this policy conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution, which explicitly affirm the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. Rights delayed are rights denied.

I urge the committee to reject this harmful and unnecessary proposal, and instead focus on legislation that targets criminals—not responsible gun owners. Protect our rights. Protect our communities. And protect the economic well-being of Oregonians.

Respectfully,

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