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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

As with all of the current attempts to disarm Oregon residents, SB 243 would offer no meaningful improvement to our state in terms of reducing violent crime. We all know, however, that reducing crime is not the intent of bills like this. Instead, they mean to offer protection to criminals and create new criminals out of formerly law abiding citizens who would potentially run afoul of confusing, obtuse, meandering, and pointless regulations. Oregon already has one of the lowest rates of violent crime involving firearms in the entire United States, and requiring extra background checks, licenses, highly technical equipment restrictions, and prohibiting certain persons from legally purchasing firearms - yet still allowing those same people to serve in the armed forces and bear arms in the defense of our country - will do nothing to further safety in our state. SB 243 and other "gun control" bills are offensive to myself and all other persons in Oregon possessed of common sense and decency. We all know the Legislative majority is not likely to employ common sense or reason when it comes to this issue, but be advised that the majority of the public in this state does not agree with these measures. I would urge all of you, nonetheless, to put aside your thirst for partisan culture warfare and instead heed both the state and federal constitutions and stop violating the rights of law abiding citizens. Limiting firearms purchases to those over 21, forcing legal purchasers to wait three days to take possession of a firearm and other similar measures are intended only to further stoke the flames of division in this country, and this is something we can ill afford. I urge you to swiftly reject SB 243 and refuse to consider it again. Thank you.