

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

Dear State Lawmakers,

I am writing in opposition to SB 243. This measure will only hinder law abiding citizens from purchasing firearms. This does not address the root problem of gun violence, which I believe stems from the current mental health crisis and lack of/defunding of law enforcement officers, who are key to keeping our cities and citizens safe, as well as our "soft-on-crime" culture. As a young woman, I feel safer owning firearms, knowing I have the tools to defend myself and my family if such situation should occur. I am also a hunter and enjoy target shooting as a pastime with my family. Guns are simply an object, they are not the issue, unsafe people are. I believe strongly in the second amendment, and feel like this is an infringement on my rights as a law abiding, gun owning citizen. I should be able to purchase a firearm, how the current law stands, and not have to jump through additional, unnecessary hoops that make it harder for myself and my fellow law abiding citizens to purchase firearms. Our state lawmakers need to shift our priorities to focus on the root causes of this issue, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals (who I assume obtain firearms \*illegally\*) and those with known serious mental health issues. I hope I can shed some light on the views I have on this issue, and I appreciate your time and consideration of opposing this measure.