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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I am submitting my hard opposition to SB 243. I have my doubts based on recent history. I am pleading and holding onto hope that our elected representatives will listen to the citizens voice in opposition to this bill. There are so many blatant reasons this bill and those like it, should be stricken down.

1) The biggest issue is the fiscal impact. Our state, and every county, struggles with huge budget deficits. Horrendous levels of crime, terrible drug related issues, homelessness, painfully poor senior care, dispicable veteran support, and saddening youth mental health issues. Our Representatives and Senator's are writing and focusing on bills like this one. That have one singular intent, which is to restrict the law abiding citizens ability to purchase, access, and carry our RIGHTFULLY OWNED firearms as stipulated within our Constitution. Bills that have already cost us tax payers millions of dollars, even prior to their implementation, and will cost us millions more in the future. The fiscal impact of SB 243 is stated as costing 14 Million Dollars. Not only is this bill a huge waste of tax dollar's, but I do not believe that number to be accurate or true. It is very suspect to myself and many others, that SB243 will have exactly the same fiscal impact as HB 3075, and HB 3076. We the public are not being told the truth here, and we are the bank funding our state. This bill should have gone to Ways and Means weeks ago. This is not acceptable!

This bill will not allow us the freedom guaranteed by the constitution to have and bear arms and you are simply ramming it down our throats instead of listening to your constituents. It would be awesome to be listened to as much as you are to moms demand action. They are not a grassroots organization and not locally ran.

All of this is quite frankly mind boggling when you don't have the money to implement any of this. We have real problems in Oregon and punishing law abiding citizens seems very irresponsible. Unfortunately for the quiet majority our leaders are not acting in our best interest again. It is so wrong. Do not pass this heinous legislation