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On Behalf Of:	WE THE PEOPLE part 2
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Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB243

My name is Chad Kernutt and I speak to you today as a concerned citizen and urge you to vote NO on SB-243 and all other unconstitutional gun bills before you. I am an OIF and OND US Army vet who has fought for you to have the rights that you currently enjoy and for you to be in the position you are currently in considering messing with our rights, I am a husband and father of three children, and I love my family very much, they are my world. Most importantly I am a free man. I take very seriously my individual rights that were given to me not only by my God, but my Constitution and the rights enshrined in it. The gun control elements in our society like the red coats from the Moms Demand Action Army with their very loud voices, emotional stories of loss of loved ones either via mass shooting or choosing suicide, and their big bucks from Michael Bloomberg and George Soros have been influencing state legislatures all over America and a lot of you have taken the bait and forgotten the silent majority of your constituents and the oath you took to the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions. I disagree with your gun control bills because having armed responsible citizens who want to protect themselves, their family, and other citizens should have access to guns and be encouraged and not discouraged to carry everywhere they go. I see a lot of problematic and unconstitutional gun control bills being proposed right now (which if all are passed would jump Oregon from number 11 to number 1 in the Giffords gun control database beating out even New York, Hawaii, and California) but the biggest head scratcher besides the permit to purchase bill is this SB-243 bill. This bill that keeps people such as domestic violence victims from getting self defense protection right away when they seek it and need it, and then also attacks people with concealed handgun licenses seeking easier ways to slap us with criminal charges and turning more places in Oregon into gun-free zones which does nothing but make people soft targets and defenseless against those who are not going to follow your laws no matter how many you come up with (they're called criminals for a reason). All this while this very same legislature this session is seeking more ways to provide relief to actual predators and monsters by decriminalizing more crimes with your pro-criminal bills like HB-2640 bumping down a bevy of felonies like aggravated harrassment, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, theft, and failure to report as a sex offender, to misdemeanors that amount to traffic level citations and then the SB-819 through 821 pro-sex offender protection bills which keeps 90% of sex offenders off the registration list for the Oregon government's convenience. I depend on my second amendment rights as does my wife to keep us and our children safe. That means carrying our concealed self-defense weapons in all public places and having them readily available for our defense in public and in our rigs. The majority of these places you want to be gun free zones don't even have a law enforcement presence provided. We've seen time

and again here in Oregon and nationally that such soft targets with no armed citizens present make for great mass casualty butchering scenes. What do those of you lawmakers think will happen to civilians and children that a predator has decided to target on a given day when concealed carriers don't have access to their self defense weapons because they had to lock them up in their cars. There is something very fishy going on here and your guyses priorities are all out of whack with these continued pursuits to go down the tyrannical rabbit hole.

Your new proposed gun control law will do nothing to stop criminals, it will just make more victims out of those who never carry self defense protection and then criminals out of responsible law-abiding gun owning citizens who just want to protect themselves and their families from the evils of this world. Please vote NO on SB-243.