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Hello, I would like to express my thoughts towards SB 243. In today's world we live in society where our federal government is moving further and further to the right. We have blue states who are saying that they are opposed to the ever expanding powers and overreach of our current right wing government, yet these same states are wanting to implement more gun control measures. In Oregon right now there are several bills that are trying to implement items that were proposed in Measure 114 which barely passed back in 2022. Oregon, especially the Portland metro area has a long history of know for not supporting the law enforcement. A large amount of people on the left are unhappy with most LE policies yet SB 243 can exempt LE personal from owning rapid fire devices under Section 3 subsection 4 rules LE personal who are approved to be able to have such devices. Who is to say that every LE officer wouldn't be approved from being able to have these? A popular claim from a lot of "liberals" is that the police shouldn't have military equipment and say that weapons of war shouldn't be on the streets, but yet are here supporting and exempting LE from having such devices while preventing everyday citizens from having such devices. With ICE raids becoming more common and the possibilities of the federal government expanding their power even more. We have top Trump officials who are even recommending the suspension of writ of habeas corpus which would allow the federal government to detain US citizens without due processes, this would allow them to detain anyone who they want and just not people who are not in the US illegally(who still have should be treated the same as citizens and given due process). SB243 also makes Glock switches and auto sears illegal. These devices are already ruled as illegal under the Hughes Amendment 777 which was added on to the Firearm Owners Protection Act or 1986. With this law, US citizens cannot own fully automatic weapons that are made after 1986. Fully automatic weapons are already out of the picture for most Americans as even the cheapest options cost minimum around 10,000 USD if they want to obtain them legally. If someone is going to obtain these illegally, they are going to do so anyway. A high rate of fire can also be obtained with semi auto weapons by using one's thumb and belt loop. Fully automatic fire is best used for suppressive fire due to full auto being harder to control than semi auto. In most cases, even in military use, semi auto or burst fire (generally 3 round burst) is the preferred method, this due to accuracy going out the window with full auto fire. If the people are being regulated on what they can own, this must also apply to LE as well too, as this would give LE advantage in turning against those who they are suppose to protect. With the government suggesting suspending habeas corpus, this would allow them to detain the very same people Oregon claims to support, this being immigrants, LGBT people, those who support worker rights. A lot of gun control that is in place now is because of the civil rights protests and

minority groups from the 1960s, such as California's Mumford Act that was passed in 1967 and signed by Ronald Reagan who a lot of people on the far right idolize. This bill's main intention was to disarm minority groups, specifically the Black Panthers from owning firearms. Gun control has always been used as a means to control minority groups and used to control them. SB 243 would only give more powers to those who are seeking to control minority groups, especially LE which most LE are generally right leaning. I urge you to vote no on SB243 unless you want to be associated with making minority groups harder to oppress and giving right wing groups along with fascist groups more power.