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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 243, which bans the possession, use, sale, or transfer of rapid-fire devices, including bump stocks and similar mechanisms. While I recognize the intent to promote public safety, I believe this measure is overly broad, unfairly punitive to law-abiding citizens, and fails to address the root causes of misuse. As a responsible collector who has legally invested money in these devices, I urge you to reject this bill in its entirety. However, if the bill moves forward, I implore you to include provisions to protect existing owners, such as a grandfather clause. As an Oregon resident, I have lawfully acquired rapid-fire devices over many years, building a collection worth lots of money. These items, purchased in compliance with state and federal laws at the time, are not only a significant financial investment but also a personal passion tied to the history, mechanics, and sport of firearms. SB 243's blanket prohibition disregards the rights of individuals like me who have acted in good faith, offering no exceptions for pre-existing ownership and requiring the destruction or surrender of valuable property without reimbursement.

I oppose the entire measure for several reasons:

Overreach: The bill casts too wide a net, criminalizing possession by responsible owners who pose no threat, rather than targeting illegal use or trafficking.

Economic Harm: Forcing collectors to dispose of legally acquired property ignores the substantial financial loss—potentially thousands of dollars per individual—with no recourse.

Erosion of Trust: Punishing law-abiding citizens for items they legally purchased undermines confidence in fair governance and fails to distinguish between responsible ownership and misuse.

If the legislature insists on advancing SB 243, I strongly urge amendments to mitigate its impact on existing owners. A grandfather clause allowing continued possession under strict storage or registration requirements would respect the investments of collectors who complied with the law. Without such provisions, the bill places an undue hardship on individuals who have done nothing wrong.

I respectfully ask that you reject Senate Bill 243 in its current form and consider more targeted approaches to public safety that do not penalize lawful collectors. If the bill must proceed, please incorporate a grandfather clause. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.