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On Behalf Of:

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SB243

Good day to you all. I am submitting my written testimony against Senate Bill 243 A. Proponents of this bill claim that it will prevent suicide by firearms use, yet there is no direct evidence of said prevention by enacting a seventy-two hour waiting period from the time a firearms purchaser submits their background check information to a dealer and the time they can actually receive the firearm. This is a highly speculative suicide prevention bandaid, and further encroaches on the rights of lawful and responsible firearms owners and users. Instead of eroding free and responsible use of firearms, the State of Oregon should invest in programs directly related to mental health, as those are time-tested and proven methods of suicide prevention. Please think carefully about what will really work to reduce suicides, and do not lay this on the backs of responsible firearms owners and purchasers.

Sincerely,
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