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I strongly oppose SB 243, particularly the 72-hour waiting period and the expansion of gun-free zones.

As a woman, I know that the decision to purchase a firearm is often driven by safety concerns—especially in moments of urgency. A 72-hour delay forces women to remain vulnerable at the very moment they're seeking protection. It doesn't make anyone safer—it makes it harder for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves. What supporters of SB 243 often fail to say, is that firearms are used to SAVE a life 500,000 - 3,000,000 times every year (CDC.)

Expanding gun-free zones only increases that vulnerability. These areas don't deter criminals; they disarm the people most likely to follow the law. Women deserve the right to protect themselves wherever they are—not just in places the state allows.

SB 243 creates more obstacles for responsible gun owners without offering real solutions to violence. I urge you to vote no.