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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

To the Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon SB 243 as an outdoorsman, hunter, firearm historian, engraver, and federal firearms licensee (FFL) who shares our shooting heritage and sport with youth. This bill imposes unnecessary and overly restrictive measures on law-abiding citizens while failing to address the root causes of crime.

As a hunter and outdoorsman, I rely on firearms for ethical game harvesting and conservation efforts—traditions deeply rooted in Oregon's culture. SB 243's restrictions hinder my ability to responsibly enjoy these activities. As a firearm historian and engraver, I preserve and celebrate the artistry and history of firearms, a craft that this bill threatens by overregulating access and ownership. Sharing shooting sports with youth fosters discipline, safety, and respect for firearms—values undermined by this legislation's blanket approach.

As an FFL, I already comply with rigorous federal and state laws ensuring responsible firearm transfers. SB 243 adds redundant burdens that punish the law-abiding while criminals, by definition, ignore such laws. Data from the FBI shows most firearm crimes involve illegally obtained weapons, not those from licensed dealers or law-abiding citizens like myself.

I urge you to reject SB 243 and focus on measures that target actual crime sources without eroding the rights and livelihoods of responsible Oregonians.