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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243  
Members of the Committee,

My name is Okesa Miller, and I am a lifelong Oregonian, born and raised in this great state. I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in strong opposition to the proposed legislation that would prohibit a gun dealer from transferring a firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver until 72 hours have passed from the time the background check was requested, and only after the dealer receives an approval number from the Oregon State Police.

As a law-abiding Oregon native, I find this bill deeply concerning. It imposes an unnecessary and arbitrary delay on the exercise of a constitutional right. Oregon already requires background checks for all firearm purchases-delaying lawful transfers for up to 72 hours, even after a background check is complete, is an unjust burden on responsible citizens.

This bill doesn't target criminals; it targets the rights of ordinary Oregonians. And let me be clear: it is time to quit messing with Oregon's right to bear arms. The Second Amendment is not a suggestion-it is a fundamental right, and every time legislation like this is introduced, it chips away at the freedoms we are guaranteed under both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions.

Delays like this could be devastating for people who are in urgent need of a firearm for self-defense, including survivors of domestic violence or those facing credible threats. A bureaucratic waiting period could literally put lives at risk.

Additionally, this bill places an unnecessary burden on Oregon's small businesses and gun dealers, who already comply with stringent regulations. It undermines consumer confidence in a system that is already secure and effective.

We all want safer communities, but that won't be achieved by restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Real solutions lie in holding criminals accountable, improving mental health services, and investing in violence prevention-not by punishing responsible gun owners.

As an Oregon native who respects both our state and its proud history of freedom and individual rights, I strongly urge you to reject this bill and any future efforts that seek to erode our constitutional liberties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Okesa Miller