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SB243

My name is Barbara Dallas. I am a retired medical social worker from Happy Valley and a volunteer with the Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action. I am writing in support of SB243, which combines several important gun safety measures that will make our communities safer and reduce gun violence. Rapid fire gun devices, including bump stocks and Glock switches turn legal semi-automatic guns into lethal weapons and should be banned. Firearms with such devices become weapons of mass destruction and have no business being used by anyone other than trained members of the military and law enforcement.

Oregon has one of the highest gun suicide rates and the legislature should continue to take steps to help save lives by creating a buffer period between having suicidal thoughts and taking the fatal step of actual suicide. I lost a brother-in-law to gun suicide several years ago so this is personal to me. I urge the legislature to continue to pursue vital waiting periods for gun purchases and make improvements to the current ERPO law which may be the type of intervention that could have saved his life.

Thank you for your attention and efforts to enact sensible gun laws that will make a difference for all Oregonians in reducing deaths by firearms, and for supporting SB 243 including the rapid fire device prohibition.