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To: Chair, Sen. Kayce Jama
Vice Chair, Sen. Bonham
Senate Committee on Rules

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Regarding: **OPPOSITION to SB243**



The Oregon State Shooting Association opposes SB243

SB243's intentions and details have become very clear. This is a bill to limit law-abiding citizens and has no impact on criminals or suicide prevention.

SB243 blames Law abiding citizens and removes 2A rights due to State's FAILED background check system.

Decades ago, it was responsible gun owners that brought about the National Instant Check System (NICS). NICS was deployed and maintains a track record of 24-hour response. To protect citizens' constitutional rights a 3-day limit was implemented; after that the firearm can be delivered. However, state level implementations, such as Oregon's, have demonstrated their utter failure to promptly administer and evaluate their own version of firearm background checks.

Rather than solving the administrative and system issues that prevent the timely return of background checks, SB243 removes the protection of citizens' 2nd amendment rights and implements a gate to firearms ownership without a time limit or recourse.

SB243's 'Public Areas Restrictions' does not apply to criminals or the 'bad people' - Only law-abiding citizens.

If implemented, SB243 creates a patchwork of gun-free zones will, at the very least, make criminals of law-abiding Oregonians as they are inadvertently tripped up in the web of gun-free zones and properties meshed throughout the state.

Clearly this applies only to the law abiding citizens; as only law-abiding citizens will comply voluntarily. The bill does not require the municipality to install security measures (detectors, or others) to protect their disarmed citizens. Even if required, will parks, or outdoor areas, now be fenced, gated, and manned to enable the required security?

It was noted at the meeting that 80+% of this country's shooting tragedies occurred in these gun free zones.

SB243's Rapid Fire Actuator restrictions were clearly noted as flawed. It is clear the writers do not understand the technical details.

Law abiding citizens will try to comply – Criminals will not. -- This is not making Oregon safer.

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