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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Opposed, here is my written testimony.

I attended and testified at today's hearing on this revised bill. While listening to our Representatives explanations and arguments for this bill I found myself in absolute shock. I was shocked because what I heard only further solidified my reasons for opposition. This bill was written specifically to restrict the ability to carry our firearms as lawful concealed carry holders. As well as to make the purchasing of and utilization of our right to own and carry more difficult. In otherwords, it is nothing more than a blatant assault on our fundamental rights.

I heard over and over, how intimidating firearms owners are to our public officials. Concocted, unfounded empty shelled statements about how citizens are intimidated by concealed carry holders. Irrational and unsupported statements about how this bill protects the public, although no one could define how. What I heard loud and clear, is that some of our elected and public officials are afraid that their decisions are upsetting the public. That knowing they are not listening to the majority of their constituents, and defiantly shoving irresponsible restrictive bills like SB 243 through our Capital. They are becoming fearful of how the public might react. Well, there's a Constitutional lesson in all of that. We The People are afforded our Second Ammendment primarily to protect ourselves from exactly this type of mindset within our government. When our elected representatives begin oppressing the fundamental rights of the citizens and forcing government control unto the people. It is our duty to stand up and say NO! Today, I and many others stood up, without violence as we responsible citizens do. Saying No! No you do not have our permission to manipulate the laws of our state. No, you don't have permission weaponize your elected seats against the citizens in which you are supposed to represent.

We your constituents, have over whelmingly opposed this bill multiple times. Yet here we are, once again, having to defend ourselves from outlandish, non-productive, costly, damaging bills. Written solely to restrict and target the most responsible within our society. Please oppose and stop this bill and those alike. Democrat and Republican citizens are united in opposition of SB 243, HB 3075, HB3076, and other bills. IT IS TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND STOP THESE ATTACKS ON THOSE YOU REPRESENT. We are paying attention, are you?

Thank you

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