

Subject: Please Vote NO on SB 243

Dear Legislator's,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB 243, which imposes a mandatory 72-hour waiting period for firearm purchases, even after a lawful buyer has passed all required background checks.

This bill unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens while doing little to deter criminals, who by nature do not follow gun laws. With ongoing cuts to law enforcement agencies across Oregon—especially in cities like Portland—responsible individuals should not be forced to delay the means to protect themselves and their families. If a person has passed a background check, they have already proven they are legally and mentally fit to own a firearm.

Furthermore, Oregon is facing serious budget challenges. Instead of spending more on creating and enforcing new restrictions, we should prioritize funding for mental health services. Addressing mental health is a more effective and compassionate approach to preventing violence and helping those in crisis.

Please respect the rights of responsible Oregonians and vote NO on SB 243.

Sincerely,

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