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SB243

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to SB 243. While I fully support responsible gun ownership, this bill overreaches in ways that unfairly burden lawful citizens, create unnecessary delays, and infringe on constitutionally protected rights.

The fact that this bill is written and titled as a "72-hour mandatory waiting period" only for those of us who were curious enough to read it in its entirety, find the writers snuck in language to restrict the rights of law-abiding CHL carrying Oregonians without their knowledge. C'mon Legislators, do better, your constituents deserve a voice! Expanding gun-free zones and restricting law-abiding Oregonians only put illegal guns into the hands of criminals and keeps them out of the hands of Oregonians who can protect themselves and their neighbors. And as local city, county and State leaders are sharing their budget shortfalls and impending cuts, we all know public safety is almost always on the top of their lists. We not only have a right to be able to protect ourselves, but we should not be left defenseless when criminals are left literally holding the guns. The State should have an obligation (with taxpayer money) in a budget shortfall to not be frivolous in implementing and enforcing duplicative provisions of SB243 (or HB3075 or HB3076 while we're at it).