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SB243

Good evening,

I am writing in today in strong opposition of Senate Bill 243. This bill is another example of how elected officials who were voted in to represent the people of Oregon are pushing thru bills which go against the values and wishes of your Constituents. We the people are tired of having elected officials who are suppose to abide by the Constitution, push thru bills which are not only Unconstitutional, but go against the wishes of the people with no regard to the harm it will cause us as well as stripping away our rights. I beg you to take a look in the mirror and ask yourself if you are ok with selling out the people who put you in office to be our voice in order to push your anti second amendment agenda. This bill will in no way shape or form do anything to prevent injuries related to firearms. The only thing this bill will do is turn law abiding citizens into criminals while at the same time take away our ability to protect ourselves against criminals who will have more areas where concealed carry is outlawed. In a time when crime is at an all time high and law enforcement resources are understaffed and overwhelmed, the passing of this bill will turn law abiding citizens into victims of the very criminals bills like this are suppose to protect us from. Here is the question you all need to ask yourself, if a criminal is willing to commit physical harm including murder, why on earth do you think they would follow any gun laws? The answer is they don't! The only impact this bill will have is harming Oregonians who follow the laws and who just want to live their lives and be safe. This bill is not only unconstitutional, and therefore shouldn't of even made it out of review, it will take away the ability of mothers and fathers and other hardworking taxpayers ability to protect ourselves and our families from evil doers. If you want to address gun violence, you need to start arresting the criminals who do not follow the laws and keep them off the streets. Instead this bill will turn the people who you say you are trying to keep safe into criminals. This anti gun/ 2A agenda has got to stop. There are so many problems going on in Oregon right now, one of them being the out of control crime, and if you truly wanted to stop gun violence, you would start arresting the criminals who are harming others instead of letting them out on probation and giving them a slap on the wrist to be able to go out and continue to hurt law abiding citizens. If you pass this bill, you are selling out Oregonians to push your agenda and it is absolutely disgraceful. I was born and raised in North Portland, lived thru the years when gang violence was at an all time high during the 1980s/1990's and have to say the condition of our State is far worse today due to the lack of leadership and far left agendas where you want to defend the police and turn criminals into victims and law abiding Oregonians into criminals by pushing thru bills that none of us support and take away our rights. Instead of this constant attack on our gun rights, start enforcing the laws currently on the books and put the hardened criminals behind bars. You are

pushing thru bills that put us at risk while letting criminals go free. This is not ok, and you are not representing Oregonians.. You should all be ashamed of what you are doing to our State and to the people who voted you in to office. This is not what we elected you to do, and it's not ok that you push these bills thru just because you have a super majority. Guns are not the problem, it is the criminals who use them to harm others who need to be held responsible. This is why you have places like Chicago and LA who have the most strict gun laws with the highest murder rate. Criminals do not follow gun laws! If they are willing to ignore the fact that murder is illegal, they don't care about any anti gun law that you pass. You are only hurting the law abiding Oregonians who want to live life safely. Vote no on SB 243.