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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I have been a registered Democrat for my entire adult life until measure 114 was proposed in the state of Oregon. As a registered independent now I can tell you that these unconstitutional attacks on citizens civil rights will turn the entire electorate against your party and your platform. As a fellow resident of Oregon, I urge you to OPPOSE Senate Bill 243 in your committee.

SB 243 includes provisions from several other bills, including; SB 696, creating the crime of unlawful transport, manufacture, or transfer of a "rapid-fire activator"; and SB 698, expanding gun-free zones by allowing public entities to adopt policies that prohibit firearms, even for concealed handgun license holders.

These provisions do nothing to address crime in our state, and only place further burdens on law-abiding gun owners.

Criminals do not follow laws, these new regulations will only restrict the good, law abiding citizens of this state. In addition, these new restrictions will do nothing to prevent suicides, as claimed by the bill's proponents. These new restrictions unlawfully deprive Oregon citizens of their constitutionally protected civil rights.

Lastly, the Supreme Court of the United States of America has been very clear in their previous rulings that banning or restricting these types of firearm and firearm accessories is absolutely unconstitutional. By passing these types of bills you waste tax payer money, attacking civil rights, and losing in the courts. You cause years of pain for the residents of this once great state only to be corrected eventually by the courts.

The yes-on-114 advocates had an enormous money advantage to promote that bill and still barely pulled a few extra votes. It is clear that under neutral consideration the residents of this state would reject all of these anti constitution bills. You represent ALL citizens of this state, let their voices be heard.

Thank you.