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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Committee members,

I'm writing in opposition to SB243. On the surface it seems pretty simple. But simply asking "why" this proposed legislation is before you should be enough to vote no, and oppose any such legislation in the future.

There is no basis, zero evidence, and no support from your constituents for it. It criminalizes articles and activities previously legal under state and federal laws with a strong bias against law abiding citizens.

The items described in section 2 are both sensational, and ambiguous. Merely pulling the trigger quickly is not a crime, and some of the devices or adjustments to semiautomatic firearms that make it possible to do so are safer than a factory trigger or fire control group. They actually improve accuracy, and the ability for the operator to deliver multiple rounds to a target. An attribute valued in self defense scenarios. These do not make an illegal machine gun out of a firearm, and do not make firearms more likely to be used to commit crimes. In fact actual legally transferable machine guns are some of the least used in crimes. Any comparison between the two should be further cause to question the motives of the bill itself.

Limiting access to any public space by legally armed, law abiding citizens is not only a violation of our rights, but also creates a statistically dangerous space where criminals have and will commit acts of atrocity against people made helpless to defend themselves. The courthouses, correctional facilities and other controlled spaces behind secured doors can remain as they are. But making law abiding citizens felons for exercising our rights in public is ludicrous. Again, this should bring great pause and concern to anyone reading the bill.

I cannot emphasize enough that legislation like SB243 1) doesn't disarm criminals, only law abiding citizens, 2) will not reduce the number of guns used in crimes, and 3) WILL NOT make us safer in our communities.

The "Community Safety Firearms Act." is in fact, a lie.

Please oppose it.

Sincerely,

Fred Williams