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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of Oregon. I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 243, which I believe is an overreach that will negatively impact responsible gun owners across the state.

SB 243 raises the minimum age for legal firearm ownership to 21, even for adults who vote, serve in the military, and live independently.

This is an unnecessary restriction that does not address the root causes of gun violence. It also expands gun-free zones to include not just public buildings, but also adjacent grounds, which could include sidewalks, parking lots, or public spaces nearby. This undefined term could lead to a confusing patchwork of rules where carrying legally in one area could make you a felon in another.

Furthermore, the bill includes a 3-day waiting period for firearm purchases, which I believe will place an undue burden on legal gun owners without effectively preventing gun violence. Most firearm deaths are suicides completed with handguns, and this bill will not do anything to address that issue.

I urge the legislature to focus on real solutions that address the root causes of gun violence, rather than implementing blanket laws that punish law-abiding citizens. Oregon deserves better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.