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#### Opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 243

Oregon Senate Bill 243, which seeks to restrict the use of rapid trigger devices, represents an unwarranted infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens and undermines the protections enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The federal government, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and federal court rulings, has explicitly deemed these devices legal for civilian use. By attempting to impose state-level restrictions on federally approved firearms accessories, SB 243 disregards established legal precedent and oversteps the boundaries of state authority. This legislation not only contradicts federal law but also unfairly targets responsible gun owners who rely on these devices for legitimate purposes, such as competitive shooting and self-defense, without evidence that they contribute significantly to criminal activity.

The persistent efforts by Oregon's Democratic majority to enact restrictive firearms legislation, such as SB 243, reflect a broader pattern of undermining the civil rights of law-abiding citizens. The Second Amendment unequivocally protects the right to keep and bear arms, and rapid trigger devices, as federally legal accessories, fall squarely within this constitutional protection. Rather than focusing on measures that address actual criminal behavior, this bill diverts resources and attention toward limiting the freedoms of responsible gun owners. Such actions erode trust in governance and fuel frustration among citizens who feel their rights are under constant attack. The state should prioritize policies that target illegal firearm use and enhance public safety without penalizing those who exercise their constitutional protections in a lawful manner.

Furthermore, SB 243 fails to provide compelling evidence that rapid trigger devices pose a unique threat to public safety, making its restrictions arbitrary and unjustified. Studies and crime data consistently show that the overwhelming majority of gun-related crimes are committed with standard firearms, not specialized accessories like rapid trigger devices. By focusing on these devices, the bill distracts from addressing root causes of violence, such as mental health issues or illegal trafficking, which have far greater impact. Oregon's lawmakers should respect the rights of its citizens, uphold federal law, and refrain from imposing unnecessary and constitutionally questionable restrictions. I urge the rejection of Senate Bill 243 to preserve the liberties of Oregonians and maintain alignment with established federal standards.