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

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazen, Vice Chair Pham, and members of the committee,

PLEASE do not move SB243 forward along. This legislation will not make Oregon safer, the criminals will still have firearms, and they do not follow any laws, but the law-abiding citizens will be disarmed.

The second amendment and the Oregon constitution both give us the fundamental right to self-defense. The issue is not the firearms; it is mental health and cultural issues that are the danger. Statistics show armed law-abiding armed citizens have stopped crimes and deter crime, thus saving lives. Gun control won't stop criminals, it will leave helpless victims of domestic abuse, women who want and need the protection. Fix the mental health issue, don't take our right to protection with firearms away and leave us vulnerable to criminals.

Please vote NO to moving this flawed and unconstitutional bill forward. Thank you.