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

I oppose Senete Bill 243 as it is unconstitutional and looks to strip the rights of the people of the great state of Oregon.

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, a crucial individual right essential for personal freedom and self-defense, especially when law enforcement may not be immediately available. In Oregon, as across the country, citizens exercise this right for self-defense, hunting, and sporting activities. The Second Amendment is about more than just gun ownership; it ensures the means to defend against threats, including potential government overreach. SB 243 raises concerns by imposing additional restrictions on gun ownership, including a waiting period that'll make it difficult for people wanting to protect themselves like single mothers, potentially excessive fees, and other limitations that could make it harder for Oregonians to legally own firearms.