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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

Dear Legislators and House Committee on Rules,

I once again, as a concerned citizen, rise to address continued manipulation of Oregon's laws to further criminalize those that legally, respectfully, safely and cautiously own and possess firearms. This further includes those that have gone above and beyond to legally register, license, submit fingerprints and pass a background in order to be allowed to carry a concealed firearm. What does this law, obfuscated with the language of "rapid fire actuators", do to those that legally and rightfully have complied with strict Oregon laws?

The argument for against rapid fire actuators is a separate matter. I neither support nor oppose this portion of the bill. I do oppose the random and completely patchwork ability to restrict legal concealed carry of a firearm. Over the years, common sense restrictions have applied; airports, government buildings and courtrooms. Now, the adjustments and additions to this bill, which is still unlikely to advance without constitutional challenge, allow you to make me a criminal for the simple act of walking adjacent to a building that I may have no idea has chosen to be a gun free zone as a registered concealed carry gun owner.

What is the intent? Is it to harass those that comply with the law; those that pass full background checks, take firearms education and safety courses? Or is it to prevent true crimes? Please be painfully honest with the information you have used to craft this legislation. What are the number or percentage of licensed concealed gun owners that have been convicted of crimes with a gun on these properties? I will simply say that the statistical probability is so close to zero to make me wonder why this specific legislation is even incorporated? What say you? What are you using to craft this legislation? Since when do criminals abide by the law? Since when do criminals care what the legislation is? Permitted, concealed carry citizens are not the criminals, yet with loopholes, you've created a new class of accidental criminal.

If your job is to create necessary legislation that protects the average citizen, shouldn't it be created on justifiable data, instead of harassment? Shouldn't legislation be based on overwhelming evidence that clearly targets the problem? What is the problem with legal, registered, concealed carry? By equivocating rapid fire actuators with legal and registered concealed carry within this legislation, and the allowance for any block of the public right of way to become a no gun zone, you have accomplished nothing but to make legal concealed carry an accidental crime. Please

remove the language needlessly creating criminals of those that are legal and registered concealed carry gun owners.