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SB243

I am an Oregonian, provider of behavioral health and addictions treatment services, mother, and soon-to-be grandmother writing in support of Senate Bill 243 B, which would make it unlawful to transport, manufacture or transfer fire activators. As a healthcare provider, I've seen too many people traumatized by gun violence, the threat of gun violence, and the fear of mass casualty tragedies that take place in community spaces we should all be able to safely enjoy. Recent information adds to both the urgency and to the promise of passage of SB 243. Passage is urgent given the current federal administration's plan to allow the sale of forced-reset triggers that make semi-automatic rifles fire more rapidly and to re-distribute seized devices into communities. Passage is hopeful given its likely outcome of reducing firearm-related deaths in Oregon, including children's deaths. The Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics published a study this month documenting that states with permissive gun laws experienced a rise children's deaths from firearms between 2011 and 2023, whereas states with stricter gun laws did not. I know that our law makers take their responsibility to Oregonians seriously. It is clear that gun violence can be reduced through policy choices . These choices are yours to make on our behalf. Please choose to save lives and vote to pass SB243 B.