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SB243

I am firmly opposed to SB 243 on both practical and philosophical grounds and I urge all legislators to reject this bill outright. This bill addresses an inanimate object - binary triggers - that has absolutely no relationship with firearms misuse or violent crime. Criminals that misuse firearms are not using these devices, and they are not the slightest threat to public safety. They are used only as a recreational item at the range, and banning them serves no useful purpose other than to further prosecute the culture war that all anti-gun legislation is aimed at. This is even more true of the portion of SB 243 that would allow local school districts and other jurisdictions to refuse to recognize lawful Oregon concealed handgun licenses. CHL holders are, statistically speaking, more law-abiding than police officers and have a lower rate of criminal convictions than police. This is true not only in Oregon but across the country. But again, this type of legislation is not intended to improve public safety or prevent crime, but is instead an attempt to further malign firearms ownership and owners. The only tangible result of this legislation, I guarantee you, will be to embolden criminals and increase the odds of being assaulted, robbed or worse in those spaces that refuse to recognize the legality of a concealed handgun license. Please spend your time addressing transportation, housing, homelessness, and the skyrocketing cost of living in Oregon instead. These are issues that actually impact public safety and the day to day lives of Oregonians.