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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I am writing as a deeply concerned citizen and a law-abiding gun owner to express my **\*\*strong opposition to Senate Bill 243\*\***. This legislation represents a direct violation of the constitutional rights of responsible Americans and undermines the very oath each legislator swore to uphold.

SB243 does not address crime, nor does it target those who abuse firearms for unlawful purposes. Instead, it unjustly burdens and criminalizes the millions of Americans who safely and legally exercise their Second Amendment rights every day. The right to bear arms is not a privilege granted by the state—it is a **\*\*constitutional guarantee\*\*** affirmed by the Bill of Rights and upheld in landmark Supreme Court decisions such as *\*District of Columbia v. Heller\** and *\*McDonald v. City of Chicago\**.

By supporting SB243, lawmakers are turning their backs on the very citizens they were elected to represent. This bill punishes the innocent while doing little to deter those who willfully ignore the law. How can those who took an oath to defend our Constitution stand by and support legislation that so clearly contradicts that commitment?

If public safety is truly the goal, then the legislature must focus on enforcing existing laws, addressing mental health, and supporting our law enforcement—not stripping fundamental rights from responsible individuals who have done nothing wrong.

I urge you to stand up for the Constitution, for civil liberties, and for the people you represent. **\*\*Vote NO on SB243\*\*** and protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners across our great state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Blain Raymond