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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

I am writing today to strongly oppose this bill on the grounds that it is a direct violation of my constitutional rights as an American citizen.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly states: “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” This bill proposes to do exactly that by allowing local governments to strip individuals of their right to carry a firearm, ban so-called “rapid fire devices,” and impose restrictions on magazine capacity.

This bill does not target criminals — it targets law-abiding citizens like myself who exercise their Second Amendment rights responsibly. It gives unelected officials or local bureaucrats the power to override a constitutional freedom that should be protected equally across every city and county in this state.

The term “rapid fire devices” is vague and misleading. It risks criminalizing legally owned accessories without due process. Likewise, a magazine ban arbitrarily limits the tools citizens can use for lawful self-defense. These tools are often necessary for protecting one’s home, family, and livelihood — especially in rural communities like mine where law enforcement response times can be delayed.

This bill is not just bad policy — it’s unconstitutional. It sets a dangerous precedent by allowing local governments to pick and choose who gets to enjoy fundamental rights, and that goes against the very foundation of equal protection under the law.

I urge you to vote NO on this bill and stand up for the rights of everyday Oregonians who believe in freedom, responsibility, and the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you for your time.