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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Teresita Sablan, and I am a resident of Oregon and a proud supporter of the Second Amendment. I am writing today to express my firm opposition to Senate Bill 243 (SB243), which I believe is unconstitutional and represents a dangerous infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution clearly states that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” This language is unambiguous. The right to self-defense is not a privilege granted by the government—it is a fundamental liberty protected by our founding documents. SB243 threatens to erode that liberty under the guise of public safety, by imposing further restrictions, regulations, or tracking measures on responsible gun owners.

As a woman and an Oregonian, the right to bear arms is not just a constitutional issue—it is a deeply personal one. Firearms are an equalizer and a critical tool for self-protection, especially in situations where law enforcement may not arrive in time. Stripping or limiting that right leaves people like me more vulnerable, not safer.

SB243 does not target criminals; it targets compliance and freedom. It burdens the law-abiding while doing little to address the real roots of violence—criminal intent and lack of enforcement of existing laws. Adding more layers of government control only serves to disarm the responsible, not deter the dangerous.

I urge lawmakers to uphold their oath to the Constitution and reject SB243. If we allow this type of legislation to pass under the pretense of “common sense,” we risk paving the way for further erosion of our liberties. We must protect our rights—not just for ourselves, but for future generations of Oregonians and Americans.

Respectfully,
Teresita Sablan
Oregon Resident