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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

First, I oppose this Bill. Second, this Bill is much much more than the title suggests. Those of us that understand firearms, "rapid fire" is just an adjective. Any firearm can cycle "Rapid Fire" in many ways, but that does not make it a "Machine Gun" which under present Federal Law is already illegal!

This Bill is not really about Rapid Fire anyways if you look deeper. See below some important facts.

Infringement on Second Amendment Rights: The bill infringes upon the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. The waiting period arbitrarily delays access to self-defense tools for law-abiding citizens.

Ineffectiveness Against Criminals: This measure will primarily affect law-abiding gun owners and will not deter criminals, who will obtain firearms regardless of new restrictions.

Disarming Law-Abiding Citizens in "Soft Targets": Expanding gun-free zones, especially without corresponding security measures, is seen by some as creating "soft targets" where law-abiding citizens are disarmed and left vulnerable to criminals. Some Recent Mass Shooters have detailed this strategy.

Lack of Focus on Root Causes: This bill doesn't adequately address the root causes of violence, such as mental health crises and criminal behavior, and instead focuses on restrictions that may not be effective.

Impact on Rural Communities: This bill disproportionately affects Oregonians in rural areas where firearm ownership is a significant cultural aspect and where law enforcement resources may be limited.

Fiscal Costs and Impracticality: The bill will impose significant financial costs and logistical hurdles on gun dealers and local governments, potentially burdening small businesses and taxpayers without clear public safety benefits.

Concerns about Privacy: While not explicitly a core tenet of the bill, broader concerns about gun control measures often touch on privacy, particularly regarding data collection and retention related to firearm transfers.

If you are on a Government list, well.....History tells us that with a list that population

becomes an easy target for Government tyranny. Refer to the original purpose of the Second Amendment if you do not already know the implications of the last sentence.

Respectfully Submitted.