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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

Dear Legislators,

As a mother and a proud, responsible gun owner, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243, which seeks to create the crime of unlawful transport, manufacture, or transfer of a rapid-fire activator.

I understand and support the need for public safety, especially as a parent who wants nothing more than a safe world for my children to grow up in. However, SB 243 unfairly targets law-abiding citizens and infringes on our Second Amendment rights by criminalizing the possession or use of certain firearm components that are legal under federal law and often misunderstood.

This bill is overly broad and opens the door for responsible gun owners to be punished for technical violations that have nothing to do with criminal intent or public safety. Rather than focusing on criminals who use weapons unlawfully, SB 243 creates new burdens and risks for citizens who are simply exercising their constitutional rights.

As a mom, my firearms represent more than just a hobby—they're part of how I ensure my family's safety. As a gun owner, I take that responsibility seriously and support education and safe handling practices. What I cannot support is legislation that chips away at our freedoms without evidence that it will actually reduce crime or violence.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB 243. We need laws that hold criminals accountable, not ones that make law-abiding parents like me feel like criminals for exercising our rights.

Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both safety and freedom.

Sincerely,