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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243
To whom it may concern-

I oppose SB 243 as it imposes significant restrictions on Second Amendment rights without effectively addressing the root cause of gun violence.

1. Women's Safety and Self-Defense:

The 72 hour waiting period for firearm purchases and restrictions on concealed carry in public places disproportionately affect women seeking to protect themselves and cause unnecessary delay in obtaining protection in domestic violence situations.

2. Impact on Rural Communities:

Rural communities rely on firearms often when there is limited law enforcement and a ban on rapid-fire devices can limit the effectiveness of firearms for protection, placing rural communities at greater risk.

3. Fiscal Impact:

There would be a significant financial burden by SB 243 on state and local government. The estimated bill would cost 14.7 million which is unsustainable especially given existing budget constraints.

Constitutional Rights:

This bill infringes on the constitutionally protected rights of responsible gun owners. This bill punishes law-abiding citizens while failing to address the real drivers of gun deaths, such as mental health issues and violent crime.

5. Effectiveness:

This bill will do very little to stop crime or reduce suicides. The real focus should be on the root causes of gun violence and not imposing additional regulations on firearms.

Thank you for your time and consideration.