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I am writing in opposition of SB243 and any additional provisions to restrict magazine capacity or establish a permit-to-purchase system. The term "high capacity magazine" is misleading; most firearms are sold from the manufacturer with magazines that can contain up to 30 rounds and are thus "standard capacity magazines". A true "high capacity magazine" would consist of an aftermarket product which can contain more than 30 rounds of ammunition. It is much more reasonable to restrict these latter types of magazines, as they are what was used in the horrendous Las Vegas shooting (which is so often referenced when discussing firearm violence).

Implementing a permitting system to purchase firearms may seem like a logical idea; we assign driver's licenses to those who wish to drive on public roads, after-all. Driving a car is not a constitutional right, however. To impose a fee for the permit and any training required to acquire said permit will effectively strip the poor and less-fortunate from exercising their Second Amendment right to bear arms. Consider if there were a permit requirement to register to vote. Or a permit required to remain silent. It negatively affects those in poverty and is not a logical solution to gun violence. To have law enforcement officers exempt from these laws is illogical. If the police are more armed than those they are to "protect and serve", they are more likely to oppress rather than uphold the law. The police are to be community servants, not armed thugs.

I am a registered Democrat. I am socially liberal and find the authoritarian state of our federal government to be abhorrent. We are in tumultuous times and now is NOT the time to restrict law abiding citizens from exercising their Second Amendment rights. It is not up to the local Sheriff to decide if a trans person is qualified for a permit to purchase a firearm. It is up to our local elected officials to help us in the fight against tyranny and preserve our rights as Americans.

"That rifle on the wall of the labourer's cottage or working class flat is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there."

-George Orwell

Thank you for your time,
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