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**To:** Chair, Rep. Bowman  
Vice Chair, Rep. Drazen  
House Committee on Rules

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**Regarding:** **OPPOSITION to SB243**



### **The Oregon State Shooting Association opposes SB243**

SB243's intentions and details have become very clear. This is a bill to limit law-abiding citizens and has no impact on criminals.

SB243B's 'Public Areas Restrictions' does not apply to criminals or the 'bad people - Only law-abiding citizens.

If implemented, SB243B creates a patchwork of gun-free zones will, at the very least, make criminals of law-abiding Oregonians as they are inadvertently tripped up in the web of gun-free zones and properties meshed throughout the state.

SB243B specifically limits CHL permit holders. This group has been documented as being the one of our most lawful populations. As a result, SB243B applies only to the law abiding citizens as only law-abiding citizens will comply voluntarily.

SB243B does not require the municipality to install security measures (detectors, or others) to protect their disarmed citizens from the bad actors that would take advantage of these gun free zones.

It was noted at the Senate public hearing, that 80+% of this country's shooting tragedies occurred in these gun free zones.

SB243's provision for elimination of forced reset triggers is seriously flawed as testified by NSSF in the Senate Committee on Rules. [Please see the video of the public meeting for details.](#) It is clear the writers do not understand the technical details. The measure also makes instant criminals of law-abiding Oregon citizens with no recourse.

Law abiding citizens will try to comply – Criminals will not.

This is NOT making Oregon safer.

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