

This testimony is in opposition to Oregon SB243

I was born and have been a lifelong resident of Oregon for 57 years and for the past two decades have seen the trend of the state and local legislatures infringement on our individual rights. These rights which are codified in both Federal and State constitutions. As opposed to going into a very in-depth assessment of how this purposed legislation infringes on my individual right for owning, maintaining and use of my choice of what type and capability of weapon I select to defend myself, family and community I wish to remind you of your sworn oath and primary responsibility to defend my individual rights. This should be your first and last concern on ANY legislation that you are considering. As stated in recent Federal Supreme Court cases regardless of if you believe that there may or may not be a great good served and individual's choice of firearm or capability of firearm is an individual's right.

If you enact this legislation into law it will be taken to court and ultimately be overturned after much wasted taxpayers' funding that could be used for much more needs at this time.

Again I urge you not to allow this legislation to go forward. I am greatly Opposed to SB243

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(Life Long Resident of Oregon)