

I am unable to be in Salem as initial hearings are held on SB 941, so I am writing instead. I have been concerned about the proliferation of guns in communities across Oregon and the country for many years. What made me determined I would fight for the safety of our children and fellow citizens--no matter what--was the massacre of little children and their protectors at Sandy Hook. That morning, I would have been reading with two six-year-olds in a Portland inner-city school, but they had a school assembly. When I learned about Sandy Hook, I wanted to drive to the school and hug my little boys--I know how small, vulnerable, and innocent six-year-olds are. Since then, I have attended rallies, written letters, spoken with legislators, and encouraged friends to speak up. I will not stop until we all stand up and say "no more."

SB 941 was carefully crafted by Senator Prozanski to address concerns of gun advocates, while requiring background checks for felons, domestic abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill. 87% of Oregonians want universal background checks, including 83% of NRA members. It is a thoughtful way to prevent dangerous people from owning and discharging guns, while protecting the rights of legitimate gun owners.

I urge the passage of SB 941.

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