Esteemed Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for accepting my comments for the public record regarding SB 941, which I am opposed to. I have a number of points I want you to consider. I urge you to dismiss and otherwise do whatever you can to end this horrible legislation, and keep it from passage. My opinion is that this bill places the burden of law enforcement upon the backs of innocent, decent, and ordinary citizens who will be expected to now be your front line defense against criminals acquiring guns. Unfortunately and unfairly, the responsibility to keep Oregonians safe will fall only to those that will be involved in a transfer of firearms. Furthermore, this bill imposes harsh and unreasonable penalties for the slightest misstep in what up to now been a simple and straightforward transaction between two individuals. Rather than attack criminals, and fight against those that break the law, this bill proposes a byzantine and entirely unnecessary system upon Oregonians who cherish the Second Amendment.

- First, this bill claims to be a background check bill, but will require that I submit both buyer and seller private details, as well as every specific detail of the firearm being transferred. This is clearly far beyond what the bill has been represented to do. It is being sold as one thing, but in reality is another more egregious assault on what little privacy citizens still retain.
- I have seen no statistics or proven facts that demonstrate Oregon has a severe or even a moderate problem with the private transfer of firearms between law abiding individuals resulting in guns falling into criminal's hands.
- The bill is extremely complicated and will expose regular Oregonians to a Class A misdemeanor should any step of the process be innocently mishandled. The penalties are too severe. A second offense can be punished with a felony, which will bar a person from firearms for life.
- If I need to process a transfer apart from a FFL/dealer, the bill would require me to hold private information of the buyer for 5 years or you threaten me with responsibility if the gun is later used illegally, or the seller is found to be prohibited from acquiring guns. However, no immunity is given to me for the possession of the transferee's private information.
- This bill includes a provision requiring a judge to decided if a person ordered to treatment can possess or purchase firearms, which is a direct violation of due process, and holds no remedy or assurance of how to resolve wrongful application of this legislation. Why is this even included in a bill supposedly centered on background check? Strip it out, and let it see daylight on its own merits.
- It is already illegal to transfer firearms to prohibited persons.
- Citizens can already call the OSP to conduct a background check on people receiving firearms.
- Citizens can already call to request a firearm be compared to stolen gun databases.
- This is another forced intrusion of government into the business of private individuals that is unwarranted, and I am highly offended to suffer yet more indignities upon my day to day business and my expectations of privacy.
- There are no limitations to what a gun dealer can charge me to conduct a transfer, which for everyday items will likely add another 10-30% to the cost of a sale. Or take a free gift and turn it into a cost prohibitive option.

There are political considerations as well.

- There is no coincidence in the bill's public comment and work session dates being on the exact same dates that Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America have been scheduled for their lobby days. I find this absolutely unethical, and beyond the possibility of chance having aligned these two events in such a way.
- This bill has suddenly been dumped on the committee, and in less than one week will have a single public comment session, and again in less than one week will be discussed in a work session. I am alarmed at the speed this bill is being pushed through our system, reducing the opportunity of the public to have their objections heard.
- The influence of Ceasefire Oregon, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, American's for Responsible Solutions, Violence Policy Center, and Everytown for Gun Safety (all well-known anti-gun organizations) are pushing their national agenda and their dollars into Oregon to influence your votes. Stand up for the residents of Oregon like me, instead of these political donors and influencers. We have to suffer the consequences of this bill, they do not.
- This is being pushed by several anti-gun politicians, specifically Senator Prozanski who I understand authored this bill, but there are others, who have a completely obvious and historically consistent personal and political agenda against guns as documented in their statements, public appearance comments, and support and often sponsorship of every anti-gun bill that has been submitted in the past. How can they be entrusted to fairly consider the facts and represent voters like me who oppose their agenda?

Sincerely Concerned About this Bill,

Rick Keating