

Chairman Prozanski and Members of the Committee,

I am a small business owner and mother of 2 residing in NE Portland. I cannot attend the hearing in support of SB 941 but want to be heard in support of universal background checks for private sales of gun.

On Thanksgiving day 2 years ago my 18 month old son got his hands on a loaded handed gun during our multi-family gathering in Salem. This did not result in a tragedy, however, it did ignite a strong reaction in me that has inspired me to learn more about guns and how to keep my family safer.

I have since learned that gun related deaths in Oregon are greater then transport related deaths. Clearly something should be done and universal background check is the most reasonable place to start. I actively volunteered this past election season and will continue to voice my support for candidates who take gun safety seriously.

A background check would not have prevented my son from a loaded handgun purchased legally. But it will prevent some felons from obtaining guns through private sales.

Washington and California have closed this loophole. Therefore it is important that we close our borders to felonious tourists seeking easy access to guns.

Thank you,  
Roberta Robles