

Chairman Prozanski and Members of the Committee;

Thank you Mr. Chairman for your continued support for closing the loop holes in Oregon's background check law. I fully support SB 941.

I am a 73 year old mother and grandmother who, sickened by the deaths at Sandy Hook, became involved in local grass roots efforts to find a safe way to own guns in Oregon. Since then, I've learned the facts that you already know: Oregonians overwhelmingly support background checks; states that prohibit high-risk groups (perpetrators of domestic violence, criminally violent people and the severely mentally ill) from possessing firearms have reduced gun violence, and; fewer suicides occur in states with background checks.

Our neighboring states, California and Washington, have found the political will to pass background checks and other legislation aimed at reducing gun violence. I know that with your leadership, Oregon too can close the loop on background checks.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the health and safety of all Oregon citizens.

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