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Subject: RE: SB 941

From: Sen Hass <sen.markhass@state.or.us>

Date: Thu, March 26, 2015 9:40 am

To: "Steve M" <

Dear Steve,

Thank you for emailing us. Senator Hass appreciates your feedback.

Senator Hass has long been outspoken about the need to curb gun violence. In 2013, Senator Hass was one of the sponsors of HB 3200, a measure to limit access to high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic weapons. While the bill didn't pass, it helped start a conversation on the pervasiveness of gun violence in our community.

When it comes to firearms, the reality is that too many guns are getting in the hands of the wrong people. Unfortunately, many gun-related deaths every year could have been prevented if it weren't for the unlawful transfer of firearms among family members. Ultimately, Senator Hass believes that all prospective gun owners need to meet the same requirements across the board, regardless of who they are purchasing a firearm from. While many of these transactions may, indeed, occur between law-abiding family members, the sad reality is that occasionally these exchanges result in violence. A proper background check of a family member could help save lives.

Again, thank you for sharing your perspective. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office again.

Best,
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