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To Senate Committee on Judiciary

Written testimony in support of SB 941

Dear Chairman Prozanski, Vice-Chair Kruse and Senators Burdick, Gelser and Thatcher.

My name is Karin Radtke. I live near Florence in Lane County.

This Bill is also being cited as the "Oregon Firearms Safety Act".

The title clearly gets to the basis of the issue here, which is that our legislators are charged with protecting the safety of all citizens.

I know that the sponsors of this Bill have very carefully considered all questions and concerns that were raised during hearings in previous legislative sessions regarding closing the loopholes in the criminal background check system when transferring a firearm.

The situations under which the "transfer" of a firearm would not require a background check are now spelled out clearly and are reasonable. Additionally, SB 941 would require State Police to notify local law enforcement after failure to pass such a check before transfer of a firearm. And persons in assisted outpatient treatment may be prohibited from possessing a firearm.

All of these conditions will do something to discourage firearms from being handled by people who could be a danger to others and themselves. It is the least we can do for the safety of all.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 941.

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