

The following is my testimony against the proposed Gun Control Bill SB 941, being heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee April 1, 2015.

I am opposed to SB 941 because we cannot deter a person, who is not interested in following this proposed law, from purchasing or buying a gun through the underground (black) market. Criminals who steal guns and sell guns are not going to go to a gun dealer for approval. Mentally ill people and abusers are not going to take the risk of not getting approval for buying a gun, and, paying the fee for a background check. So, who pays the fee? I would have to, because I am a more law abiding citizen than crooks and desperate people. This proposed bill targets the wrong people. It targets me but not the people it is attempting to deter from buying guns.

This proposed bill has the same pushing issues as the Marijuana Bill. Those committee members have to deal with the effects of taxation: that is, at what point does taxation value push pot buyers into the underground (black) market?

SB 941 will not keep any more guns from the hands of "the wrong people". This bill will only cost the law abiding gun purchaser more money. Please vote no on any referral of SB 941 to the Senate.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Helen Scott
346 Bickford Dr.
Grants Pass, OR 97527