

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

The the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees each law-abiding American citizen the right to keep and bear arms of his choice; and the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States clearly says “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” and Firearms known as “Assault Weapons” are also protected by the Second Amendment as part of “a well regulated militia”.

Firearms are used for the defense of person, family, and property more than one million times each year; and more than 99.8 percent of all lawfully-owned firearms in America will not be used in crime in any given year; and the criminal misuse of firearms by those in the criminal element is not a reason to deny the constitutional right to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens; and several local, state, and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting all firearms and ammunition including bans, taxation, waiting periods, registration, licensing, and even confiscation; and such laws assume the guilt of all firearms owners without addressing those who have mental issues, misuse and criminally abuse firearms, contrary to our legal justice system which assumes innocence until proven guilty.

The National Institute of Justice studies have shown that restrictive "gun control" laws are ineffective against violent criminals who show contempt for all laws; and the effect of restrictive gun laws has been the exact opposite of that which was promised, as evidenced by the scandalously high violent crime rates; THEREFORE, I recommend the rejection of further restrictive firearms or ammunition regulation laws that only serve to limit law-abiding citizens in the exercise of their Constitutionally guaranteed rights while having no effect on the activities of the criminal element in our society; and recommend that the scarce resources of the law enforcement and criminal justice systems be focused upon uniform, consistent, and just sentencing, speedy trials, and increased punishment and incarceration for those who commit violent crime INSTEAD of Further Restrictions.

I am further opposed to SB 941 because I live in and work in areas of the State that I personally have had Guns pulled on me, not from Law Abiding Citizens, but the majority of them from "Black Market" and Illegal Marijuana Growers. As stated before statistics show the Gun Restrictions the higher the crime rate. We should not deter a person, who is a lawful Citizen from having the hindrance that is proposed in this law, that really does nothing to stop the 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, only the Law abiding Citizens would suffer. This proposed bill targets the wrong people. It targets me but not the people it is attempting to deter from buying guns.

SB 941 will not keep any more guns from the hands of “the wrong people”. Please vote no on any referral of SB 941 to the Senate or anymore Restrictive Guns Laws.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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