

Dear Mr. Rhoades,

I am responding to an email received from Senator Thatcher concerning SB 941, a bill that would make it mandatory for all private gun transfers whether by gift, loan or sale subject to a background check of the recipient.

Frankly, I'm disappointed the State Senate is moving a bill like this through committee and onto the floor for a vote. There has been virtually no opportunity for public input on the proposed measure and very little publicity. I found out about the bill 2 days ago through a friend and fellow hunter. This bill is very poorly conceived and if passed into law will be difficult or impossible to enforce. The Senate is "aiming" this legislation in the wrong direction. Law-abiding citizens of Oregon shouldn't be subjected to a law making it a crime to loan or sell a firearm to a family member or friend without going through a gun dealer who holds a firearms license and criminals will flaunt this law as they do all similar gun laws by continuing to steal or purchase their firearms through individuals in their criminal community. If you are serious about lowering crime against individuals, Oregon might consider making it a simpler process to obtain a concealed carry permit and encourage its citizens, particularly women, to protect themselves against the criminal element by carrying concealed. Statistics prove without question, this is a very good deterrent in states that have encouraged their citizens to protect themselves.

Please put my comments on record with many others opposing this backdoor approach to threatening our Second Amendment rights.

Sincerely,
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