

Dear Counselor Rhoades,

Senate Bill 941 is an egregious bill that will require individuals to appear before a gun dealer to request a criminal background check prior to privately transferring a firearm. The law has been popularly coined as a "universal background check."

"Universal" background checks do nothing to reduce violent crime, and only affect law-abiding gun owners by imposing cumbersome mandates and restrictions on the lawful purchase and possession of firearms.

Criminals, by definition, do not follow the law and do not subject themselves to gun control schemes or background checks. It is already illegal to knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to someone classified as a prohibited person, and is a felony for a prohibited person to buy, own or possess a firearm. This is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact the law abiding.

I want members of the Committee on Judiciary, and members of the Oregon Senate, to know that I strongly oppose this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,
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