

Dear Senator Prozanski:

I am opposed to any further gun control measures being forced upon law abiding citizens when other measures are continuing to be passed into law to aid the criminal element of Oregon. The most glaring example of this is the new law in the news recently about job applicants not having to admit they are convicted felons.

I have been a resident of Oregon for nearly 40 years and am a retired law enforcement officer, My career spanned over 33 years in both California and Oregon. I served as a patrol officer, OSP Trooper, Detective and finished my career as the elected Sheriff of Klamath County, Oregon for 12 years, retiring in 2001.

During my career I found the firearms laws on the books at that time worked very well and I had no particular difficulty with law abiding citizens and firearms. It was always criminals who ignore all laws and are able to easily get black market firearms regardless of any tougher laws passed by states.

I am amazed that during my law enforcement career when I was on riot and crowd control duty during my early career in southern California during the Viet Nam era the young people then, (mostly democrats) were big advocates of protecting our freedoms and liberties and now in positions of power these same folks are chipping away at them with legislation such as SB 941.

I urge you and other committee members to stop this bill from further consideration. Let's not further erode our freedoms and liberty.

Sincerely,

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