## Senator Rhoades,

Please read my attached email, and the response I received from Senator Kim Thatcher. I am asking that you vote no on Senate Bill 941. I am an American citizen, I am very concerned about the rush behind SB941, and I am pro-Second Amendment rights. I would prefer that law-abiding citizens be allowed to open-carry without discrimination and harassment by law enforcement. I would prefer an America where law abiding citizens didn't have to have mandatory concealed carry licenses/permits. Understand that America was founded with Second Amendment rights for a reason, and those rights should not be further infringed upon. Please vote no on Senate Bill 941.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
M. Castellano
American Citizen - Oregon Resident

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From: "Sen Thatcher" < < sen.kimthatcher@state.or.us >

Date: Apr 1, 2015 1:00 PM

Subject: RE: No Expanded Background Checks

To: "mnsmithmvhac@gmail.com" <mnsmithmvhac@gmail.com>

Cc:

I share your concerns about the effort to once again push legislation forward that will compromise the rights of law abiding citizens while doing nothing to enhance public safety. I am not convinced Senate Bill 941 will encourage criminals to go to a federally licensed gun dealer (assuming one is available and willing to do the transfer) to run a background check on their fellow criminals. Those people will break whatever laws are in place if they seek to do harm to others, while citizens who try to obey the law will have onerous burdens to bear.

I would rather see Oregon lawmakers focus their energy on enforcing the penalties we already have on the books to stop violent offenders and improve our current system to help responsible gun owners defend themselves and others in the community. I encourage you to watch the bill by going to <a href="https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/SB941">https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/SB941</a> and clicking on the Measure History or Current Status. You can also find information on other bills by clicking on the "Bills" icon and entering the bill number in the field that comes up.

Keep up the pressure on the committee members as well as the Democrats involved with the bills. I hope this helps.

Thank you for your support of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.

## Kim Thatcher

State Senator Senate District #13

Office Address: 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1713

From: mnsmithmvhac@gmail.com Sent: 3/28/2015 5:16:32 PM To: sen.kimthatcher@state.or.us

**Subject:** Vote No on Senate Bill 941

Dear Senators, Americans do not want gun control, in any way, shape or form. If we start piecing together bills, eventually we will lose our rights. It's been proven that enforcing gun control upon lawabiding citizens will not keep guns out of criminals hands. Not to mention, Chicago's so called Gun Free Zone, isn't recognized by criminals. We the People want to keep our Second Amendment rights, in their entirety, that our Founders granted us. This is the United States of America and not Hitler's Nazi Germany. Every country/nation that has submitted to gun-control, has submitted to higher crime rates and government/dictator control. The United States of America is a country founded on freedom, fought against tyranny and a king 's control, and believed in freedom of speech and religion, as well as limited government, controlled by the people, for the people. I am an American citizen, and I am asking that you listen to the People, not Bloomberg and anti-gun millionaires, and vote NO on Senate Bill 941. Stand up for Americans and our Second Amendment rights. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, M. Castellano Oregon Resident