

Mr. Rhoades:

Thank you for the opportunity to pass on my thoughts to you regarding the handling and the substance of Senate Bill 941 dealing with Universal Background Checks for Firearm Transactions.

Being a citizen of the United States of America and having a number of Constitutional Rights afforded by that Constitution I feel that any impediment to a legal, law abiding citizen, to be afforded the opportunity to purchase, transfer, or own a legal firearm is violating the Second Amendment Right to do so. It is apparent, with SB941, that the political structure of the State of Oregon is attempting to put roadblocks in place to limit those Constitutional Rights.

The Federal Government and the State of Oregon presently have numerous laws in place that are intended to control the purchase, transfer and ownership of firearms by unauthorized persons. With so many laws already available, why not implement logical procedures to enforce these laws? Please do not implement additional laws (SB941) that will only punish the law abiding citizens of Oregon and that will have no effect on those who presently do not obey the existing laws?

As a veteran of the United States Army and a two-tour Vietnam veteran I feel as though my Rights are being stripped away layer-by-layer. The same Rights that I raised my right hand to defend and protect so many years ago. Please see that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States of America are followed and observed to the letter. The future of our Country and State is being tested by those who see fit to impress their own opinions on the citizens with little regard to the laws that govern our Country.

Respectfully,

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