

To the Judiciary Committee:

Supporters of SB 941 claim that so-called universal background checks will make us safer. This is simply false. People who commit crimes with firearms rarely obtain the firearms legally. Generally they steal firearms or buy stolen guns on the black market. Creating another law to restrict legal firearms purchases will have no effect on crime or violence. Criminals who want firearms can easily obtain them on the black market. SB 941 will only create more hurdles for the law abiding and will result in de facto firearms registration. Registration has historically been a prelude to firearms confiscation as we see currently in New York City.

Regards,

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