

To the Oregon State Senate:

I want it on record that I am opposed to SB 941. This is gun registration pure and simple. If this were about actually doing background checks on people who are trying to purchase firearms why would the information be needed as to what the firearm is. It's irrelevant, the person either meets the criteria to own a firearm or not. It does not matter who the manufacturer is or what cartridge it shoots.

In addition, we already have the means to do background checks as private citizens through the current system. That option is employed by numerous responsible gun owners. It has been stated many times, by many people on both sides of this issue that this will not keep guns out of the hands of people who do not obey the laws anyway. I heard that in the hearing on Wednesday and yet we move forward with a law that will be ineffective, unenforceable.

I am not sure that I am against background checks to determine if a person is legal to purchase a firearm. I am certain that I'm against this version or any version that goes beyond obtaining more information than is needed.

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