

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE OREGON SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Senator Prozanski and Members Of The Senate Judiciary Committee,**

**My name is Herman Welch and I am a resident of Waldport Oregon. I am also the owner of a hand gun who is very much in favor of passing Senate Bill 941 to include background checks on the Personal Sale of Guns in Oregon to close the present loop hole in the background check law.**

**When I purchased my pistol from a commercial dealer I was glad to undergo a background check as a way to help prevent the sale of guns to those who may be a danger to their family and the public, and I urge the Judiciary Committee to allow Senate Bill 941 to proceed to the full Senate for a vote as soon as possible.**

**I am also the Father of a daughter who was stalked and threatened by an abusive husband who had access to a gun while he was under a Court Restraining Order, and I know (first-hand) how much Fear and Anxiety that generated for Me and my entire family.**

**I feel strongly that passage of Senate Bill 941 will help prevent the sale of guns to those persons who are under a Court Restraining Order who may pose a clear and present danger to others, particularly if they obtain a gun without a background check.**

**In conclusion, I ask the Judiciary Committee Members to recall the slogan of a large gun advocate group from many years ago---It went something like this:**

**“GUNS DON’T KILL PEOPLE, PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE”-----THEY WERE ABSOLUTLY CORRECT----  
PEOPLE DO KILL PEOPLE---AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHY WE NEED TO VOTE ON AND PASS  
SENATE BILL 941 TO EXTEND BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE PERSONAL SALE OF GUNS IN  
OREGON. I URGE THIS COMMITTEE TO MOVE SENATE BILL 941 OUT FOR A FULL VOTE OF THE  
SENATE ON THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION!**

**My thanks to Chairman Prozanski and the entire Judiciary Committee for allowing me to give my testimony.**

  
**Herman Welch**

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