

Testimony on SB 941
March 31st, 2015

Chair Prozanski, Senate Judiciary Committee and Esteemed Senators:

I regret that I cannot be present to testify in person, instead I submit this written testimony on SB 941.

Firearms ownership to some may be a 'hobby', I however, believe the ownership of firearms is a Sacred Right brought forth by our forefathers, not to be taken lightly, but to be exercised, just like our Freedom of Speech. It is our duty to exercise these Rights do so with all the requisite safety and responsibility that go with such Rights.

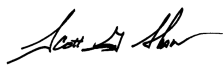
The stated purpose of SB 941 is to stop criminals from acquiring firearms, yet it is already ILLEGAL for prohibited individuals to attempt to purchase firearms (with or without a background check). Knowing these facts, the only thing that can be surmised about this proposed legislation is that it is designed to create more bureaucratic 'red tape', this proposed legislation is essentially making something that is already illegal, MORE ILLEGAL.

Further SB 941 is so problematic that is it opposed by 12 Oregon Counties, 4 Sheriffs and even the OSSA(Oregon State Sheriff's Association).

1. 12-Oregon Counties are on record having a resolution against SB 941 - Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Klamath, Lake, Polk, Wallowa, Wheeler, Yamhill
2. OSSA - Oregon State Sheriff's Association is on record with their March 31, 2015 letter against SB 941
3. 4-County Sheriff's are on record against SB 941 - Linn County Sheriff, Polk County Sheriff, Washington County Sheriff, Yamhill County Sheriff

Our Government is made up of the people. The begs the question: If We The People cannot be trusted with our Fundamental CIVIL Rights, what are we to be trusted with?

Sincerely,



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