

Hello:

I am strongly opposed to SB 941 extending the failed Oregon background check requirement to the private sale or transfer of firearms in Oregon.

The current system is simply an infringement on the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. No criminal or mentally ill individuals -- the very ones we seek to stop -- will be slowed by such infringements; they will simply lie, steal, or go to the black market. Criminals have an easy time circumventing the law. It is their stock and trade.

The history of the current FICS system is replete with examples of false positives regarding entirely legitimate purchasers, with the actual number of scofflaws being caught in abysmally small percentages. Rights trampled. Commerce delayed or eviscerated altogether. Might this be the actual intent?

To say that the handling of this bill has been managed via an open and accessible process in the Oregon State Senate is a joke.

My Yamhill County sheriff has stated his opposition to the bill, and others have simply expressed that they will refuse to enforce it.

The House should stop this bill now and come up with a methodology that infringes *solely* on the criminals in our society and not on the overwhelming majority of we citizens.

Very best regards,  
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