

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to testify against SB 941. This is a bill that does nothing to protect Oregonians. Criminals or those with ill intent will not follow this bill were it to become law.

Often cited is the "fact" that guns can be purchased without background checks on Craigslist. This is false, Craigslist does not allow the advertising of any firearms.

Firearms can be purchased and exchanged between private parties as is our right. This is in keeping with both our Constitution Federal and State and current Oregon law. Overwhelmingly the exchanges of private firearms are done responsibly and with mutual exchanges of personal information and receipts. This bill will make responsible citizens unnecessarily burdened in both time and money in following these proposed rules while doing nothing to actually prevent criminals from acquiring a firearm.

This bill is unenforceable according to many of our Oregon Sheriffs and with the application of a little common sense. If it will be arbitrarily applied throughout the State, it is incumbent on our elected officials to pursue a solution that represents the will of the people and the support of our law enforcement.

It is hard to fathom that with all the problems facing this State, both fiscal and legal, our elected officials are choosing to waste time and resources on this legislation and infringe on our rights and freedoms.

Respectfully,

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