

Dear Oregon Legislators and Representatives,

I am writing to state that I am opposed to SB 941, requiring individuals to appear before a gun dealer to request a criminal background check prior to privately transferring a firearm (including, but not limited to transfers, sales, gifts, loans and leases), absent limited exceptions, and respectfully urge you to vote 'NO' on this measure.

As a law abiding, tax-paying Oregonian and firearms/shooting sports enthusiast, I feel strongly the so-called "universal" background checks will do nothing to reduce violent crime, and only affect law-abiding gun owners by imposing cumbersome mandates and restrictions on the lawful purchase and possession of firearms. Criminals, especially those violent by definition, are not apt to follow the law and therefore will not subject themselves to gun control schemes or background checks.

It is already illegal to knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to someone classified as a prohibited person, and is a felony for a prohibited person to buy, own or possess a firearm, so I feel that SB 941 - SB 941, like many other gun control schemes, is a step towards the full registration of firearms - is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact law abiding, respectful and responsible gun owners.

Thank you/Regards,

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