

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing you with testimony concerning Senate Bill 941, the so called Oregon Firearms Safety Act. This bill cannot and should not pass for a number of reasons, one of which I will address.

This bill is clearly in violation of Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution and the Legislature does not have the authority granted to them by that constitution to enact such a law.

If this congress considered a bill that required citizens to ask the state for permission regarding what they were allowed to say and with whom they were allowed to speak, I doubt there would be an individual in the room who would not protest loudly. Freedom of speech is also rightfully protected by the Oregon Constitution.

SB 941 proposes just the same thing. You cannot pick and choose which sections of the Constitution you will obey and ignore. You cannot pick and choose which of the People's rights you will defend and which you will violate.

If you do not adhere to the letter of the Constitution, it becomes meaningless. The People become subject to the whims of their leaders. What could be more dangerous and terrifying than that?

In violating your oath to defend the Constitution, and strong-arming a political agenda, you become the very criminals you claimed to defend us from.

Knowing this, if you pass this bill, I would request something from each of you. In announcing its passage, please stand up and say, "I know this law is illegal and I don't care. I'm going to pass it anyway".

Respectfully,

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