

I am writing in response to the SB 941 legislation which seeks to expand background checks to private transfers, it is scheduled to be heard in the House Rules Committee on Wednesday, April 22.

The proposed background checks 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, by definition, do not follow the law and do 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. This is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact the law abiding.

My family has passed down firearms from generation to generation. My fear is this legislation could easily be altered to include immediate family, making it illegal for me to carry on the tradition in our family of handing down firearms to my children.

I feel the effort needs to be put on enforcing the current statutes of this state regarding firearms and less on creating ones to hinder law abiding citizens of the state.

Respectfully,

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