To the House rules Committee Members:

I am writing in response to Senate Bill 941. I am not able to attend in person, due to scheduling conflicts, but wanted to give you my thoughts in writing for the record.

There has been significant concern expressed to me by numerous citizens regarding Senate Bill 941, and I share these concerns. On February 18, 2015, our Board of Commissioners passed a proclamation opposing the expansion of background checks for the purchase of firearms, joining many other Oregon Counties. The Board of Commissioners in Jackson County recognize that the first and last protectors of the Constitution of the United States of America (AND OREGON) are the individual citizens, and the ability of the citizens to fulfill that role rests in large part on the citizen's right to bear arms as guaranteed within the Second Amendment.

Senate Bill 941 will adversely affect law-abiding citizens in our County, and adversely impacts the very privileges awarded us by our Founders in the Constitution. My Dad, (and many other brave Americans) fought for this freedom, knowing full-well that when the Government takes away our 2nd Amendment provision, that our Country and freedom will be severely weakened. It is my honor and privilege to stand for the 2nd Amendment and I pray it will be yours, too! Please do not support this legislation.

Sincerely, Colleen Roberts Jackson County Commissioner