

I am writing in objection to the adoption of SB 941, the so-called Firearms Safety Act. Here are the facts:

1. After years of failed attempts, Senator Prozanski has finally been able to push this bill through the senate largely due to the massive and locally irresistible infusion of funds into Oregon election and media campaigns by Michael Bloomberg and his ilk. From the results of his questionable efforts nationwide, Mr. Bloomberg clearly has little interest other than his own in the needs of Oregonians.
2. The impassioned, heart-breaking testimonies of citizens, not government officials, who have been hurt by gun violence are, at best, emotional arguments: in general, the outcomes would not have changed had this law been in place. It is immoral to exploit the emotions of grieving loved ones in this cause.
3. Law enforcement has acknowledged the difficulty of enforcing the present regulations which are well known to be ineffective. Sheriffs and counties statewide are on record that this bill will only add to their burdens and further distract them from their duties to protect and to serve.
4. While it may be helpful in support of this bill to call attention to the irresponsible behaviors of a relatively few gun owners this law would not, by-and-large changes the outcomes of their errors, either.

I believe Mr. Prozanski would agree that the best policy would be for the vast majority of responsible Oregon firearms owners to increase our vigilance in our efforts to educate and promote the safety of our fellow citizens. Please do not make that more inconvenient, impractical and unworkable for us and those who serve us by assuming that SB 941 will do the job for us.

Sincerely,

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