

I strongly oppose SB 941.

As written, this legislation does more harm to the law abiding gun owners of Oregon than it will to the very people that we all desire to keep from having firearms.

No one wants a felon or a person restricted from possessing a firearm to obtain one. But we all have to be realistic about the true nature of criminals; they do not follow the rule of law as they are currently being enforced.

If I could make a suggestion; truly and vigorously enforce the laws that are already in place. Show me that it's not working and then and only then can we sit down as Oregonians and write legislation to keep felons from obtaining firearms.

Oregon is not the Federal Government, we can and will work together to make Oregon safer. If we need to address specific regions of Oregon, then so be it. We cannot dictate a State as diverse as ours with cookie-cutter, one size fits all legislations such as SB 941.

In closing;

One must ask this question. During a work session in the senate they adopted an amendment (941-7) that rewrites law enforcements requirement to follow up on flagged firearm transactions from "shall" to "may" that takes the teeth out of this legislation. If we are so willing to take away my rights why are we not so willing to track down and prosecute every single felon who's attempting to purchase a firearm?

Thank you and I appreciate this opportunity to voice my opinion.

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