

SB 941 is a blatant assault on the rights of law-abiding Oregonians, and shouldn't be allowed to pass. It does nothing to stop criminals from obtaining guns and does everything to inhibit the freedom of lawful Oregonian gun owners.

This bill does nothing to stop criminals - criminals don't use a background check system to get guns. They either steal them, or illegally obtain them from law-breakers willing to sell to them. In either case, criminals will continue to break the law, no matter what, while the law-abiding will continue to follow the law.

It makes no sense to punish law-abiding gun-owners, unless of course the end-game isn't the prevention of crime, but an expansion of gun registration in Oregon.

Gun registration leads to confiscation, which leads to all kinds of abuses of power, including murder. Professor R.J Rummel, the world's leading expert on "democide" – the murder of civilians by their own governments – writes that in the 20th Century alone, governments killed close to 262 million of their own citizens. This is evidenced in countries such as Turkey, the Soviet Union, China, Guatemala, Uganda, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Nazi Germany.

Case in point: It was the Wiemar Republic's strict gun registration laws that allowed the Nazi party to disarm and systematically murder civilians when they took over Germany.

That is the danger of bills like SB 941. You may intend good things, but we have to think about our children and grandchildren. Regardless, there isn't enough criminal activity to warrant expanding Oregon's background check system. This is an unnecessary, frivolous, and dangerous bill, and we need your help to stop it.

Vote "NO" on SB 941.