

To: Oregon House Rules Committee

Date: April 20, 2015

From: John C. Gray

RE: Written Testimony on SB941

Dear House Rules Committee,

I am opposed to SB941, the Oregon Firearms Safety Act, for the following reasons:

1. Criminals, by definition, do not abide by the law. This bill will not stop the illegal purchase or transfer of firearms by or between criminals, or those already prevented by law from acquiring or possessing firearms. It is already illegal in Oregon to knowingly transfer a firearm to anyone who is prevented by existing law from acquiring or owning firearms.
2. This law would be singularly unenforceable. Talk to any law enforcement officer.
3. This law would place an undue burden on law abiding citizens for the legal transfer of firearms between individuals, while not preventing the illegal transfer of firearms.
4. This law establishes a gun registry for transfer in Oregon. Though that registry may be temporary, who is going to ensure that it is, in fact, temporary? It comes dangerously close to violating the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution.
5. There are far less burdensome and more enforceable ways to accomplish the same goal. A driver's license indication that an individual is prevented by law from purchasing or possessing firearms is just one idea. Anyone could check a driver's license for it prior to transferring a firearm. Those intent on illegally acquiring firearms will do so with or without this law, or any other law with similar intent.

If passed and signed into law, you may be assured there will be recall efforts and referenda by law abiding firearms owners in Oregon shortly after its passage.

Thank you. Respectfully,

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