I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 941, concerning background checks for private firearms sales. While almost everyone agrees that we should do all that we can to prevent certain members of our society from acquiring firearms, it is my firm belief that this bill is not the answer. It is obvious that expanding background checks only serves to further alienate lawful firearms owners, with very little traction in attaining it's proposed purpose.

Effort should be given to innovative ideas that bring both sides of the issue together, such as Senator Thatcher's suggestion for prohibited persons being identified on their driver's license. Both sides should work together to find solutions to make our families safer, rather than concentrating on divisive measures that will have little or no affect on the safety of our communities.

Thank you for your time,

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