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Gun control testimony

My name is Ashley Planalp. I am a resident of Albany, Oregon. I am a mom, and student. I also chair the volunteer art program at my daughter's school.

- This session, Oregon has the opportunity to help **reduce crime and save lives** by **passing criminal background checks on all gun sales**.
- This is the **single most effective** thing we can do to keep guns out of the hands of **dangerous people**.
- It is a common sense measure that restricts access to **convicted felons, domestic abusers, and people with severe mental illnesses**.
- No one law can stop all gun violence, but background checks are a **proven preventative measure that reduces crime and saves lives**.
 - In states with **background checks on all handgun sales**
 - **46% fewer women** are killed by **abusive partners**
 - and **39% fewer law enforcement officers are killed with guns in the line of duty**.
- Washington and California have expanded background checks to **private sales**, and as it stands right now Oregon is basically **inviting dangerous people** to our state, because criminals can purchase guns with **out fear of consequences from the law**.
- 80% of Oregonians support background checks, as do ~~as~~ 74% of NRA members.
- Requiring people to pass a background check to purchase a gun is the very least that my state can do for my community. I am asking you to be brave and stand up to the **gun lobby and its vocal but small minority and pass SB 941**.

~~The scathing emails and irate phone calls that you will receive opposing this bill will be alarming and should only further validate why this bill needs to be passed.~~

- This bill is **not a slippery slope to tyranny**. It is a helping hand towards safety.

~~Fred meyer lets you take a quit in the home~~