

Chairwoman Hoyle and Members of the Rules Committee;

My name is Ann Barkley. I am a resident of SW Portland and am a board member of the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety.

It's a thrill to see the a gun sense bill in the House. Most Oregonians are looking to you to move SB 941 to the House floor and to the Governor for her signature. Some of the bills opponents are concerned that this is an out-of-state effort, an import from from a rich man who wants to ram his values down the throat of Oregonians. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Oregonians have worked to pass gun safe policies for at least 18 years. Grass roots planning. legal analysis and advocacy lead to the passage of the first background check initiative in the year 2000 and exploded with the massacre Sandy Hook, Conn. Initially the response to Sandy Hook was coordinated by Ceasefire Oregon. As many more organizations asked how they could help, an alliance of groups interested in gun safety was formed.

Member organizations of the Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety in full support of SB 941 include:

Ainsworth United Church of Christ
Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland
Brady Campaign to Prevent Fun Violence
Ceasefire Oregon
Children First for Oregon
Citizens Coalition for Social Justice
City of Portland
Clatsop County Democrats
Congregation Shir Tikvah
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Everytown for Gun Safety
Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership
Hood River County Democratic Party
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland The Jubitz Foundation
Klamath County Democratic Party League of Women Voters of Oregon Lincoln County Democratic Party
Million Mom March Moms Demand Action Multnomah County Multnomah County Democratic Party
National Organization for Women - Central Coast Chapter National Organization for Women - Oregon
National Physicians Alliance Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Oregon Education
Association Oregon Health Equity alliance Oregon Medical Assn.
Oregon Nurses Assn.
Oregon Pediatrics Society
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Oregon PTA Oregon Public Health Assn.
Oregon Public Health Institute
Organizing for Action - Oregon
Peace and Justice Link
PFLAG - Oregon Central Coast
Portland Police Commanding Officers' Assn.
The Bus Project
University Park United Methodist Church
Upstream Public Health

YMCA for Great Portland

Oregonians want SB 941 to become law as quickly as possible. Please vote yes.

Ann Barkley