

I am writing to oppose HB 4147. I believe it is dishonest and manipulative to remove safeguards against a highly flawed system for approving lawful gun sales. The Oregon State Police, after a directive issued by Governor Kitzhaber, are required to respond to any denied firearm sale. Not only has this been a burden on the agency, it has had truly no impact as the vast majority of these calls did not result in any arrest or action at all. Additionally, background checks in Oregon have become highly plagued with unsubstantiated delays on sales to qualified citizens, and this is compounded by the record high amount of firearm sales; *last year over 8000 people had their 2nd Amendment rights put on hold and of those 95% should not have*. The people are speaking with their actions: they want to legally buy firearms, and they are exercising their 2nd amendment rights despite the story being told by Oregon Democrats at the behest of Bloomberg and his funding. Already most counties in the state have openly defied enforcement of SB 941; SB 1551 has been stopped by an overwhelming response by Oregonians.

**Do you not see that Oregonians are proving time and time again they don't want their civil rights compromised any further, and the deliberate attempt to block gun sales by making legal sales even more difficult is yet another cowardly play by the abusing the Democratic Majority. Enough is enough! If legislators truly want to reform public safety issues, the honest and direct approach is to audit our current laws and why they aren't working, not passing more divisive legislation that is deeply flawed and only serves a political agenda, not Oregonians.**

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