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To Senate Committee on Judiciary

Written testimony in support of SB 941

Dear Chairman Prozanski, Vice-Chair Kruse and Senators Burdick, Gelser and Thatcher.

My name is Hans Radtke. I am a natural resource economist living at the Oregon coast between Yachats and Florence. For over 30 years I have been involved in wildlife management issues.

I am a strong supporter of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hunting and fishing program. I have purchased the ODF&W Sports Pack license every year since its inception.

Occasionally I have been involved in buying, selling or gifting guns, many of them inherited.

By extending the criminal background checks to all gun transfers except between family members, SB941 also provides immunity from civil liability for the use of the gun after the transfer. I would also have some assurance that the recipient will take responsible possession of the gun.

Thank you for your consideration of this Bill.

Hans Radtke