

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Please do not bring SB 941 out of committee. It is **fact** that this bill will do nothing to keep criminals from acquiring guns. Your time should be focused on mental health issues and the root of violence itself. A bill that encourages Oregonians to break the law in order to uphold their constitutional rights is unacceptable. Writing laws that are unenforceable and unnecessary are a waste of everyone's time. You have shown no valid facts that warrant this 23 page bill. I hear and see a variety of numbers about reduction of "this" and increase in "that", but repeating unsubstantiated and untrue "facts" only plays to the emotions. I understand that there is a call to "Do Something". I know some of you on the committee believe this "something" is the wrong direction and trust that the rest will do what the both Constitutions have made clear.

**I could send numerous studies and research showing the ineffectiveness of further restricting guns. Here are a few that are**

**meaningful:** <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32842.pdf>  
<http://www.ojr.org/what-the-media-gets-wrong-about-guns/>  
<http://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/14859-florida-update-concealed-carry-permits-up-violent-crime-down>

Please see below for further guidance:

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill\\_of\\_rights\\_transcript.html#text](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html#text)

On September 25, 1789, the First Congress of the United States proposed 12 amendments to the Constitution. The [1789 Joint Resolution of Congress](#) proposing the amendments is on display in the Rotunda in the National Archives Museum. Ten of the proposed 12 amendments were ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures on December 15, 1791. The ratified Articles (Articles 3–12) constitute the first 10 amendments of the Constitution, or the [U.S. Bill of Rights](#). In 1992, 203 years after it was proposed, Article 2 was ratified as the 27th Amendment to the Constitution. Article 1 was never ratified.

Amendment II - A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/Pages/OrConst.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/OrConst.aspx)

The Oregon Constitution was framed by a convention of 60 delegates chosen by the people. The convention met on the third Monday in August 1857 and adjourned on September 18 of the same year. On November 9, 1857, the Constitution was approved by the vote of the people of Oregon Territory. The Act of Congress admitting Oregon into the Union was approved February 14, 1859, and on that date the Constitution went into effect.

**Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power.** The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ralph Hughes  
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