

I would like this read into the legislative record on SB 941

Senators and Representatives of Oregon,

I would ask that during the testimony, you should be very skeptical of what/who people cite as important / relevant information that supports their position.

For this reason, I am citing the:

BJS (Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://www.bjs.gov/>) whom is under the Dept. of Justice. Their sole mission is "To collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. F.B.I (Federal Bureau of Investigation <http://www.fbi.gov/>) Whom collects and published crime reports readily available to any and all.

The Library of Congress (<http://www.loc.gov/>)

Federal Law ALLOWING private transfers (without a background check) has been legal almost 30 years.

What crimes in Oregon support the position that Oregon needs something more strict than even Federal Law requires?

Such a crime problem would have to be fairly substantial to warrant imposing limitations far in excess of Federal Law?

Let's take some time to understand what this alleged "loophole" is. it is important to understand it's history, why it is there, what is it there for, and it's continued importance.

This "Loophole" is widely mentioned. It is portrayed as some gross oversight, or mistake.. There was nothing missed, or forgotten. It was done with absolute intent, and with good reason. This "loophole" stems from the amendments made to the "*Gun Control Act of 1968*" by way of "*The Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986*", where Congress listened to a vast array of unconnected witnesses statements regarding BATF (ATF) abusive actions toward citizens whom either own Guns or own Gun Shops.

The changes or amendments to the GCA were in direct response of Congress to address the abusive behavior of the ATF.

Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986 eased some restrictions (purposefully making a loophole) and limits the ability of the ATF to further abuse citizens and their rights.. This is NOT a matter of opinion, it is established FACT and is clearly shown within within the U.S. Congress (Congressional Record) and summarized by wikipedia, and many other sources ready available.. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firearm_Owners_Protection_Act The ATF is still not very trustworthy given the Fast and Furious Scandal leading to the first time contempt charges have ever been brought against a sitting U.S. Cabinet member.. Former Attorney General Eric Holder has that distinction..

The restrictions put upon the ATF in 1986 were well founded. Their past, current behavior indicates that people of the U.S. still require the Federal Law to protect Gun Owners and Gun Shop owners from abuse. This includes the people in the State of Oregon. Mandating Universal Background checks nullifies the Federal Law's application and protection from ATF/Administration abuses. Simply put, it places firearm shops and owners in Oregon under the crosshairs of the Federal Government.

Crime Trends:

The 20+ year downward trend in Violent Crime doesn't support limiting Oregonian's freedoms.

What evidence do you have to support that Universal Backgrounds somehow prevent crime? California made Universal Backgrounds law in 1991.. Oddly since 1991, California has lead the nation in Firearm Assaults, Firearm related homicide.

The People of Oregon demand to know, What evidence shows Oregon requires such restrictions to our freedoms when there is a mountain of evidence and facts supplied by our own Federal Government as well as from our own State that shows otherwise.

The **U.S. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS** (A Federal Agency under the U.S. Dept. of Justice) issued a Report- *November 2001, NCJ 189369* www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/fuo.pdf showed that only .07% of the time was a weapon/firearm obtained by a felon at a gun show or similar circumstance. That is a little more than 1/2 of 1% of the time..

The Bureau of Justice Statistics is a Federal Agency under the Dept of Justice who's mission is "To collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. These data are critical to federal, state, and local policymakers in combating crime and ensuring that justice is both efficient and evenhanded." All other claims, or alleged information by Bloomberg backed lobby groups will fail to rise to the level that is offered by this agency.. This agency has no political agenda, no reason, cause, or motivation to skew the relevant data that they collect or certify under penalty of perjury as true...

This time period that BJS report was drafted, the **OREGON CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION** www.oregon.gov/CJC/docs/2010fbicrimestats4largestcities611.pdf showed that violent crime and crime dropped 51% in Oregon during 1995-2009. This trend is widely known and FBI data shows this trend has continued since 2009 through today..

In summary.

Since 1995, violent crime has been on a steady and relentless decline in the United States. Oregon has done far better than the U.S. trend regarding declines in Violent Crime and crime in general. This steady decline of violent crime in Oregon was/is accomplished even with this "**loophole**" that Democrats alledge needs to be closed to prevent crime. I don't see the logic, reason, cause, or concern given Oregon's trending crime numbers. It seems to be more centered toward Democrat's seeking to appear that they are doing something about crime, when the Gun Control they are suggesting would only limit, deter the decent people of Oregon to procure firearms as a protection from

the criminals whom gain release from prison, jails only to re-offend, and further victimize the decent people of Oregon.

Why do we need Universal Background Checks?

There is no substantial evidence that private sales have contributed to any crime whatsoever. The downward trend in Violent Crime and Crime in general doesn't support this change. The current Federal Law that allows private transfers (without a background). What evidence shows that there is such a pervasive crime problem that supports Oregon needing more stringent law?

The vast majority of private transfers result in NO crime at all.

If there are criminals are buying guns via this route, what cases can you cite that supports this claim?

How effective is the Federal FBI NICS system? Do the math.. How many total transactions has it recorded vs. How many Federal Denials.. 206,168,900 total transactions vs. 1,185,461 Denials The success rate of stopping prohibited people.. 0.57% A little more than 1/2 of 1%... That's a whole lot of paid transfer fees, loss of consumer productivity.. If the American People were told this FBI NICS would cost in excess of (GAO Accounting Office) \$650 million for a .57% effectiveness for the Government/States 1998-present. Roughly 1/2 of 1% is hard to call it a success....

This proposed law is a solution to a non-existent problem. A mandate upon the Law Abiding because of what unproven/imaginary acts that a criminal might do?

NO. An Absolute NO.

If our legislators prefer to listening to the Bloomberg bought and paid for groups which have a long history with deception, manipulation and blatantly false "statistics", would willingly ignore the readily available facts that are easily, and readily available.. It would speak volumes for the voters of Oregon. This action will not go unnoticed. Ignoring all facts regarding the freedom of our fellow Oregonians would really show that they could care very little for the decent people of Oregon.

Oregon Democrat's seem to be aligned with Obama Administration's Gun Control Goals. Very strange considering the Obama Administration's willful and reckless behavior under Fast and Furious in hopes of gaining favor/support for more Gun Control should be reason enough to give real concern, and care. The Administration let thousands of "assault weapons" walk into Mexico, that resulted in hundreds of deaths of Mexican Citizens and also, the death of a fellow American. A Border Patrol agent who was also killed with one of these weapons allowed into Mexico. The lengths that this administration decided to go, is a clear indication of how much they care about people (in other countries like Mexico) much less, the people of the United States. Their repeated deceptions and cover-ups has got to make even the most staunch supporters run for cover.. Made worse by the obstruction of former Attorney General Eric Holder. Wom has the distinction of (The only cabinet member in U.S. history to be held in contempt of Congress.)

Th People of Oregon do NOT need to be put any closer in reach of the ATF and their proven reckless/abusive conduct.

Any support or lobbying from Bloomberg related groups should be given no weight. Their groupd are bought and paid for by Micheal Bloomberg. The groups have a long standing history with deceptions, false studies, unsupported claims..

Shouldn't the 20+ year trend of declining vilent crime numbers reason enough to vote NO on this Gun Control Bill?

Shouldn't the repeated outright lies, and misleading "studies" be reason enough to vote NO on this Gun Control Bill?

Shouldn't the repeated abuses of the ATF be reason enough to vote NO on this Gun Control Bill?

Shouldn't the acts of Obama Administration be reason enough to vote NO on this Gun Control Bill?

Shouldn't the freedom and trust of the people of Oregon be reason enough to vote NO on this Gun Control Bill?

Listen to the People of Oregon.

It would be hard to find opposition to the Oregon Legislature dedicating it's focus toward the actions of the criminal, not the freedom and rights of the law abiding.

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