

To whom it may concern,

As a long time law enforcement officer, now retired, I have always been very pro gun in my personal life and in dealing with the public.

Having said that, I encourage people to acquire a firearm to protect themselves when no one else can. Police protection is an oxymoron.

To the best of my recollection, I have never saved anyone from anything...I got to the scene of a crime, after the fact. And that is typical of police response. Rarely do we save anyone from being a victim.

I realize that some folks need to propose a gun bill here and there, to make some sense out of the chaos in the world. In this case, I think it is ill advised and discriminates against a group of people, who have done nothing wrong.

We, as citizens of these United States, should not have to seek permission from **anyone**, to buy or sell our personal property...including personal firearms.

I view this as not only discriminatory, but an intrusion into our private lives and a continuation of the **failed** background check system.

As I well know from decades in police work, criminals do not abide by any laws whatsoever and this bill 941 will have no effect on them.

I view this bill as the easy way to address crime, instead of tougher sanctions on criminals by prosecutors, the courts and legislators themselves.....all the while achieving nothing except to penalize honest, hard working Oregonians of their liberty.

We are hearing a great deal these days from many sources, about discrimination and personal rights. Gun owners rights should not be trampled upon either.....and I think this bill tends to do that.

So today, I ask you with a forthright heart and a clear mind, to drop this bill from consideration and not waste more money and valuable time by all concerned on a meaningless proposed law.

Thank you

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