

I strongly oppose SB 941.

I'm a Democrat, law abiding and responsible gun owner and hunter. I refuse to accept the continuation of the Democrats in chipping away at the Second Amendment.

Criminals will NOT ask their criminal buddies to go through a background check. Criminals will ignore this law just like they ignore the laws on murder, rape, theft, and other crimes. A background check would not have stopped the lunatic at the movie theater, the university campus, or the elementary school. This law would burden the already stretched and failing background check system in Oregon. This law will not stop mass shootings or other deranged individuals from committing crimes. It is a "feel good" law that after a few years...nothing will change and so the anti-gun folks will attack the Second Amendment by some other form, with the ultimate goal being an outright ban.

People like Michael Bloomberg and Shannon Watts (from Mothers Demand Action) want to see America completely disarmed. Except for them. They both employ armed body guards. Why are they able to protect themselves with firearms but they wish to ban guns for the everyday citizen?

Firearms are not the problem. Most of firearm violence in this country is because of gangs. The other are suicides. Japan has a higher suicide rate than the US and is virtually gun free. BBQ bags in Japan have a national hotline for suicide prevention! But as a society America doesn't want to focus on the real issues or the solutions to those issues. Like better education for our children, gang prevention programs, JOBS for highschoolers, after-school programs...and really invest into those activities that would reduce gun violence from gangs and poverty!

This bill is 50% about gun registration which eventually leads to confiscation. Over 1,000 firearms were illegally seized after Hurricane Katrina. Australia and the UK also confiscated private firearms.

This bill is 50% about appeasing the cash machine of Michael Bloomberg.

I am paying very close attention to all anti-gun bills and will remember how you voted when it comes time for re-election. I will have no issue voting for the other guy (or gal) who supports the Second Amendment, or just switching parties entirely.

Respectfully,

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