

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to please OPPOSE SB 941.

Criminals, by definition, do not follow the law and do not subject themselves to gun control schemes or background checks. It is already illegal to knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to someone classified as a prohibited person, and is a felony for a prohibited person to buy, own or possess a firearm. This is an ineffective and unenforceable piece of legislation that will only impact the law abiding. SB 941, like many other gun control schemes, is a step towards the full registration of firearms.

Additionally, if I am at the rifle range and I want to lend a gun to a friend whom I know is not a convicted felon, I should be able to lend my gun to my friend while I watch my friend shoot at the rifle range, without the hindrance and expense of a background check. That should not be considered dangerous or illegal. As a parent, a grandparent, a veteran of more than twenty years of military service, and a concerned peaceable citizen: I enjoy many shooting sports, and I enjoy teaching the safe use of firearms to youth and to adults. Please, please, I implore you, DO NOT hinder my constitutional rights, or my abilities to enjoy the shooting sports with my friends and family.

Sincerely,

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