

I am writing today to urge you to NOT PASS SB 941 the firearm transfer act.

This is the beginning, legislatively, of gun confiscation. History has taught us this. Besides the current registration process does not accomplish its goal.

The Oregon State Police numbers for firearms purchase denials for Oct. 2014, demonstrate what a colossal sham the entire process is.

While the numbers are repeatedly used by politicians and anti-gun groups to "prove" that background checks work, they prove exactly the opposite.

Of the 19,901 background checks run by the Oregon State Police in October, 196 sales were "denied." That's 196 bad guys off the street? Maybe not.

Of the 196 desperadoes denied, a grand total of 5 were "arrested" or "taken into custody." Not a *single one* of the people who were denied because they were identified as felons or "otherwise prohibited" was arrested. Of those arrested we have no idea how many were actually charged with a crime.

8 people were denied for reasons of "mental health" but, as we have seen in the past, sometimes the police have no idea *why* these people have mental health holds.

Of those 8 the number taken into custody was...*none*.

Now keep in mind, the entire reason for SB 941 is trying to force background checks on *private* transfers is to "keep guns out of the hands of criminal and the mentally ill." 36 of the denials resulted in "Investigation Complete, No Action." So almost 20% of the denials were clearly against people who should not have been denied at all.

This Senate Bill will not keep guns out of the hands of people that WANT to commit a crime. It will make criminals of law abiding citizens -- The law of unintended consequences.

Thank you,

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