

Re: SB 941
Wednesday, April 01, 2015
To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senators,

Today you heard public testimony from both sides of this issue. While those supporting this bill attempt to give compelling reasons for their support, the fact of the matter is that SB 941 "*would not stop anyone and everyone from getting a gun if they really want one*"

The quote above is directly from the author of SB 941, Sen Prozanski. I refer to - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDI4gr-jDv8> for undeniable admission this bill would be a failure.

So we must ask our self the question, why is this bill even being considered? Why would the majority of those on the Senate Judiciary Committee be wasting OUR time even discussing this?

How could a bill that is inherently flawed be effective? If you folks would spend half as much time enforcing existing gun laws as you are with creating new ones, we would not be arguing this now and you could focus on helping Oregonians instead of restricting them.

Those of you that have lived in Oregon for a while may recall the shooting at Thurston High School in 1998. My Daughter attended THS and was there that day. Her mother and I were with other parents in the Church parking lot across the street as paramedic after paramedic drove away.

We stood there as Principal Benz read the list of those who were shot that morning. By the grace of GOD our Daughter was not on that list. Sadly, a close friend of our family was.

(Tony Case and he survived)

Why would I point this out? Simply to state the fact that mental health was the problem here, not a loop hole in the background check system.

If the State had focused on what they should have, this tragedy may have never occurred.

Yet some of you think that just one more law, one more rule, close one more loop hole and you can fix everything. May I suggest..... Enforce the laws currently in effect,

It's not like Oregon doesn't have enough other issues we should be focusing on. Let's face it, Oregon has been making national news this year and they are certainly not reasons that I as a resident of this great state for over 50 years am proud of.

Therefore, I strongly urge each of you to oppose SB 941 and get to work on the tasks that you were hired to do.

Thank you,
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