

To whom this concerns,

My name is Jeremy Gattman and I am writing you today about strict opposition to SB 941 and the other gun bills that are being steam rolled through without proper time for this council to read the concerns of the citizens of this State and allow significant time for the public to comment.

My concerns are the same as many other Oregonians who have spoken out against this bill.

1: That SB 941 unfairly targets and causes undue burdens on law abiding gun owners and will make normally law abiding gun owners criminals.

2: The current system that Oregon uses and the NICS system both have a incredibly high percentage of false denials. Often times the reason for denial can be things like common names, government security clearances, and so on.

3: The current system faces significant backlogs that delay the process sometimes by days due to under staffing and frequent high traffic.

4: Expanded use due to this bill will require Oregon to hire more staff and upgrade the current system hardware. An expense the State can not take on at this time.

5: Oregon currently prosecutes very few people who are truly in violation of the law and finds only slightly more people who are illegally attempting to purchase. I cant even remember the last time the State attempted to prosecute a straw purchaser. The same year as the Sandy Hook shooting, the Federal Government charged 44 people for illegally attempting to purchase a firearm Nation wide for the entire year. The DoJ confirmed in a Congressional hearing that illegal gun purchases were not on their list of priorities. By every account it does t seem to be on the State's priority list as well.

6: 20+ counties have passed resolutions or ordnances against enforcing new gun laws. Nearly half the State will not play along and in half the State this law will be worth less than the paper it is printed on.

7: Prosecution will be nearly impossible. They State will not be able to prove in an way that a firearm was not sold prior to the potential passage of SB 941. There is no paper trail to prove who had what and when.

8: There will be an overwhelming number of owners who will willfully disobey the law in protest.

9: Lawsuits will be filed challenging the law's legal standing. Again more money our cash strapped State will have to spend.

10: Recall petitions will be filed, special elections will be had, and several current elected officials will loose their seats just like Colorado. Despite the false notion, there are plenty of Democrats who own guns. Even my most liberal, two time Obama voting friends are gun owners and they too do not support this bill. They swing Democrat 9 times out of 10... unless they take a stance against the 2nd Amendment.

I closing this State has real problems that are not getting better. We are ranked 49th in the Nation for quality in schools. Our roads and infrastructure and in desperate need of repair and the State is loosing money because of it. We have a mental health crisis that by any measure is completely out of control. We also have a massive budget problem as Care Oregon cost the State \$400 million dollars and the vaporware bridge replacement cost us another \$380 billion. We are sorely lacking middle class jobs, cost of living is skyrocketing and several counties cant even pay for full time policing. Frankly this State has far better things to be doing and we expect our representatives to quit wait our time, resources and money on bills like SB 941.

Respectfully,

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