

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Richard Dedrick and I reside in Medford Oregon. I oppose Senate Bill 941 on the grounds that it is unconstitutional as it erodes American's right to form a militia as provided by the Second Amendment. There are very strong and compelling historical reasons why American citizens must retain their Second Amendment rights to assemble a militia as unnamed and anonymous citizens. The Oregon State Constitution accepts the entirety of the US Constitution, therefore the Second Amendment is accepted and supported by the State of Oregon. Senate Bill 941 would nullify the Second Amendment by denying American's the right to assemble a militia as it would require each and every member of that militia to be known in State databases including the State Police, County Sheriff, and National Guard.

When the Second Amendment was written, British rule had just been defeated by the process of the American Revolutionary War. The members of the American Continental Armies were considered traitors by the British, even General Washington was a former British Officer and was considered as committing high treason against the British Crown. American Continental Army members were subject to death by the British, by simply owning a firearm or assembling as a member of an American militia. When American militia's members names were listed and known by the British, the members, and sometimes their entire families, were hung by the neck, subjected to firing squads, or burned to death in their homes. The State Police, Sheriff, and National Guard of their time were all British subjects and their knowledge of American revolutionaries identities who owned firearms sufficed as a death sentence or lifetime imprisonment. That is why the Second Amendment was written, as a check-and-balance in government power and rule over a willing citizenry. In Nazi Germany preceding the beginning of World War II, the Nazi Party made its citizens who owned guns to register their firearms on a State and then a National registry. Once the Nazi Party began offensive military action, it used the official German government gun registry to arrest those very gun owners as enemies of the State, where it either executed the gun owners and sometimes their entire families, or placed them in concentration slave-labor camps where they eventually usually died.

Never say never. These are not extreme examples, governments change, regimes change, citizens do not, they stay the same and are the chattel of political unrest, turmoil, and provide the labor and financial tax base whereby governments exist. Senate Bill 941 would eliminate citizen's anonymity in firearm ownership and in the ability of citizens to form anonymous militia, which have stood the test of time and history as a bulwark of citizens of whatever nation, to keep their personal freedoms, to resist tyranny, and to defend themselves and their families from corrupt forces, either private or government.

I therefore plead to you to resist the temptation to pass Senate Bill 941 as an unconstitutional act of treason against the citizen's of the State of Oregon and their Second Amendment rights.

Thank you,

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