

As a free and unencumbered citizen of Oregon and the United States of America, it is with a heavy heart that I sit and read yet another proposed piece of legislation that will do absolutely no good for the citizens. SB 941 is nothing more than another attempt at gun control disguised as a piece of public safety legislation.

Only a person lacking any common sense would believe for a second that a criminal; whose very definition is a person which breaks the law; would abide by a new law requiring a background check for the private transfer of a firearm. This is made more evident when you look at the existing background check data as provided by the Oregon State Police. Hundreds of people are wrongly denied on a background check every year. I have personally wasted more than 6 hours in a single day sitting in a gun shop waiting for my application to be processed because there was such a backlog; and that was for an approved background check! However you can count on one hand the number of people that have rightly been prevented from obtaining a firearm by this system. The rest of us are being delayed without cause for a purchase we are rightfully and legally able to complete.

This system has already proven to be useless, overtaxed and is often broken. Adding a requirement for private transfers to include a background check will do nothing to stop criminals, but will make the already broken system insurmountably more difficult for the law abiding citizen.

SB 941 is a complete waste of resources and has no benefit to the citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
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