

Senator Rhoades,

Senate Bill 941, recently introduced and “hastily” (*Bill Title: Relating to firearms; declaring an emergency*) being pushed by members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, **does nothing to stop prohibited people from obtaining guns!**

The bill is being unfairly rushed through the legislative process denying Oregonians their right to comment on the bill or to make any changes!

I am outraged that the Oregon Senate is attempting to push through a **poorly crafted and dangerous anti-rights bill**. SB 941 makes it as difficult as possible for me to transfer a firearm to a friend or loved one, but does *nothing* to stop the criminal element from acquiring firearms.

Why should Oregon support any expansion of the prohibited person’s categories as defined by federal law?

Additional obstacles to the purchase of firearms by law abiding Oregonians only hampers our **rights of self-protection, family safety** and negatively impacts our lives, while having ‘*no*’ effect on elimination of *crime or the lawless activity* it is alleged to be directed towards.

Does anyone believe that a person, who would ignore laws against crime and murder, would obey additional gun laws?

The only people impacted by additional gun purchasing or transferring hurdles are the law abiding citizens of Oregon.

With all this “gun control” talk I haven’t heard one politician say how they plan to take guns away from criminals, just law abiding Citizens.

Additionally, is it fair to tax a constitutional right? Essentially that’s what’s going on with additional firearms transfer regulations requiring background checks because FFLs are going to require a charge for every transaction. They’re not going to simply run free background checks for private parties. So, the cost of expanding background checks and how it infringes on one’s Second Amendment rights needs to be considered.

Our focus should be on real solutions to the problem of misuse of firearms, such as strengthening mental health and **“enforcement of existing laws”**.

Please remember, making good (Honest, Law Abiding) people helpless won't make bad people harmless!

Over 20 counties have expressed their opposition to this terrible invasion of privacy. Some in law enforcement have already said they will not enforce it.

Anti-gun activists boast on how many people are "denied" gun purchases under the current system but never talk about how many of those people are denied with no justification because of an inept bureaucracy. The State Police's own figures show that almost all "denials" are unjustified.

Forcing me to run a background check on a friend or loved one before I give them a firearm will do nothing to prevent felons from obtaining weapons. It is clear that the entire purpose of this bill is to harass the law abiding. The disgraced former Governor ordered that Oregon State Troopers leave patrol to "investigate" every "denial" even when there is no known cause for a person being denied his rights. To expand this outrageous misuse of scarce police resources to a firearm I am lending to a friend or giving to a family member makes no sense.

When felons are denied firearms they are NOT held accountable, so nothing in this kind of legislation has any impact on them at all.

Why should I have to run a background check on a friend I have known for 25 years? Why can't I safeguard a firearm for a neighbor who is going out of town?

You are well aware that in other places these kinds of laws have led to confiscation. In New York, their gun registration lists are being used by police to harass the family of gun owners who have died. I will not let that happen in Oregon.

Instead of mismanaging tax payer's money on efforts to restrict the rights of honest citizens, you should concentrate your efforts on improved crime control and prosecution aimed at decreasing violent crime!

I am a voting Oregon citizen and I urge you to vote 'Against any Restrictions' on private firearms transfers or ownership.

Please stand up for your constituents; **protect the rights of all Oregonians by OPPOSING Senate Bill 941.**

Respectfully,

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