

I am submitting my testimony in opposition to SB 941. This bill would do absolutely nothing to reduce crime, criminals will ignore this legislation and law abiding gun owners will be tied down by it. Criminals will not voluntarily submit themselves to a background check because it is the "law". Criminals will steal firearms or buy one from another criminal, that will always be the case regardless of what law is passed. Private gun sales have been deemed too risky to be not regulated and that is an issue of control by the government, not a safety concern. These laws are written by those who have a very poor understanding of the firearms industry. The people that write these laws are the same people who call an AR15 an "assault rifle" or say that you can buy guns online without a background check, all lies and bogus information. You must realize that when you have to rush laws like this through as fast as you can that it is a bad idea, you have to cut corners to get what you want and that should tell you how ludicrous SB 941 is.

Our state elected officials need to look at serving those that elected them, not restrict them by feel good laws like this. When something like this is passed it just comforts those that do not understand what they signed into law. Nothing would change except I would become a criminal if I let my life long friend borrow a rifle during hunting season without a background check. I would go to jail because I didn't run a background check on someone I have known for decades. How is that a good law? Do not restrict our rights and burden us with these useless nonsensical laws, Oregonians will remember these decisions you make when it becomes time to hit the voting booth. Remember what happened to the democrats in Colorado.

Sincerely,
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