

Senator Thatcher, Mr Rhoades, and the Senate Judiciary committee:

It occurred to me that the root of this matter lies in better controlling online gun sales, where the parties to a transaction may be unknown to each other. Another issue mentioned is private transfers at gun shows, which is a similar situation.

Rather than draft sweeping legislation that burdens and restricts all private, non-family transfers, why not try to amend it to specifically address, or perhaps even prohibit, private transfers under those two circumstances? While I am generally opposed to more gun regulation, I can see how a case could be made that significant risk exists in these two instances, where by criminals, mentally unstable, and those otherwise prohibited could easily buy firearms, breaking the law in doing so.

Please consider this as an alternative to sweeping restrictions and background checks on all private transfers.

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Senator Thatcher -

Thank you for your reply to my earlier note on this matter. I hope that you and Senator Kruse can block this in the Judiciary. Failing that, hopefully sufficient votes to defeat the measure on the floor will be secured. I appreciate your stand in defense of our rights, and resisting unfounded intrusions into the lives of law abiding citizens.

I find it horrific that Senator Prozanski and his family suffered such harm at the hands of a criminal. It is more unfortunate that he pursues a misguided strategy to prevent similar harm to others. While his purpose is noble and justified, these methods are neither.

Please submit this and the attached as testimony in the Judiciary hearing.

Sincerely,  
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Senators:

My purpose in writing you today is two fold.

First, I wish to express my opposition to the legislation creating expanded background check requirements, regulating the private transfer of legally obtained and lawfully used firearms. There can be no argument that can truthfully justify the purpose of this legislation. It is a largely ineffective regulation for preventing criminals and the mentally ill from obtaining a firearm. It merely restricts the law abiding from conducting themselves in what is now a law abiding manner. Several Sheriffs in both rural and more urban jurisdictions have come out in opposition to this proposal as ineffective, unenforceable, and a waste of resources that could be better used to combat real crime, and work to improve public safety.

As a gun owner since I received my first shotgun as a birthday present from my father nearly 40 years ago, I have experience to justify my position. I can say that no one could have been a better judge of my maturity and responsibility, and the appropriateness of making that gift. No bureaucratic legislation can improve on the process of one responsible gun owner making the decision to give a gun to another responsible person. I realize that people can later develop issues that can render them unsuitable for firearm ownership. It is family and friends who are in the best position to recognize these problems, and take steps to intervene.

The only real result of this legislation will be to restrict and interfere with lawful gun transfers and new purchases. This will only overwhelm an already ineffective, and in many cases, inaccurate background check system. It will not improve the system's effectiveness in preventing transfers to those who are not safe and responsible. I believe that it's primary purpose is to interfere with lawful keeping and bearing arms as secured by our US Constitution, and affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Secondly today, I urge you to join Senator Whitsett in opposition to this bill, and any similar legislation restricting and eroding lawful gun ownership and responsible use in Oregon. Please vote no on expanding background checks in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully and with best regards,

Tim Christensen  
Clackamas County