

Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

How is it that a bill, in this case SB 941, has made it as far as the House Rules Committee for a hearing, when it is riddled with ironies? Let's be honest, this bill is not about keeping criminals from obtaining firearms, there's already laws concerning the possession of firearms by felons.

If the intent was to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms, then please explain why felons today are free to walk away from failed background checks? Now, the intent is to further burden a system that currently denies FFL holders from completing a transfer to themselves, go figure that one out.

This bill, conceived and largely funded by Michael Bloomberg (as evidence by the commercials nightly during the local newscasts) is really about firearms registration. Shame on Mr. Bloomberg for his attempts to violate the Civil Rights of Oregonians! If this committee feels so strong that the citizenry of Oregon wants this type of law, remove the emergency bill status and let's put it to a vote of the people... After all, this is still a Republic, is it not?

What I'd like to see, is this committee sending Mr. Bloomberg packing and take his rhetoric elsewhere... Lest next we'll be debating Big Gulps and the freedom of Oregonians to choose the size of their soft drink...

Rather than further infringe on my Second Amendment Rights, I respectfully request this committee to fund and enforce current laws regarding firearms ownership and attempted ownership of firearms by known criminals. Perhaps funding and oversight of that funding for "gang task force" work within our larger metropolitan areas in Oregon might be a better use of time and funds.

This bill is clearly in violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the State of Oregon. Interesting that this bill flies directly in the face of Judge Scalia's opinion regarding the fact that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment does indeed provide each of us, including you, with the inalienable right to not only keep and bear arms, to to use them to protect ourselves. This is a God given right, not a legislative given right.

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 941 and cast a "NO" vote. Give this piece of ill conceived legislation the rightful death it deserves. Honor your sworn oath to protect the Constitutions of the United States and the great State of Oregon.

Respectfully,

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