

To the Members of the House hearing SB941 on 4/22/15,

I am submitting this testimony to ask you to stop amplifying divisiveness over the people's rights within the 2nd Amendment and our Constitution.

You have a chance to do 2 important things for the people in **all** of Oregon.

No one in the room of the Senate Judiciary Committee's meeting on 4/1, especially all of those whose voices were not allowed to be heard during the hearing, want to see it made easy for bad guys to get guns. Those attending the hearing on 4/22 feel the same.

What 941 is proposing does not honestly address the issues as it is written. Rather, it displays a disrespect, intentional or not, for law abiding citizens, the 2nd Amendment, and hard working LEO's. It has also promoted much suspicion as to it's underlying purpose.

And the result is that 941 has encouraged civil discourse and set a tone that is so unnecessary for what we all want addressed, stopping criminals and criminal behavior.

Oregon is being torn apart on this issue, and our Country is as well. You can't want this continued negatively for our State or citizens.

Please recognize that there are alternatives suggested which have made an opportunity for you to take the high road....bipartisanship. One's ego is not the priority here.

Senator Thatcher, Rep Post and others have offered you a way to act bipartisan and still make the progress sought. Why not take it? In the end, Oregon will look the better for it. And isn't that what we'd all like to see our entire political process strive for, working together and finding common ground?

I'd like to see this effort tabled and the most knowledgeable parties brought together on the subject for transparent work sessions, with meaningful time spent on the data, with qualified individuals participating. Actually go over facts that are so freely and so often rendered into misinformation.

In truth, isn't the knowledge of how this bill is being rushed without fully hearing all who are involved or most knowledgeable about it, effecting your conscious? Haven't Oregon taxpayers already paid a high enough price recently for rushed actions? If you have to hurry this bill through the process, is it truly an honest effort?

But most importantly, listen to the opinions of the many people you have upset, clarify the information and facts, listen to the multiple Oregon Counties who have contacted you with their Resolutions that do not support this bill, listen to our Sheriffs from around Oregon who have spoken up and do not support this bill, and the Sheriff's from all across the Country who are speaking out against these actions.

The sponsors of 941 have a choice of being the agents of extreme polarization, or a chance to take the higher road. There are bipartisan answers. Why would you not consider them? Why would you not want that for Oregon?

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