

I am a father of 3, I love my children and want my family, my neighbors, and my colleagues to be safe from gun violence as much as any one else could want it. My problem with SB 941 is that it will do nothing to accomplish this goal. If someone could provide a single example of what crime this bill could have possibly prevented, maybe I would get on board. The reality is that it will result in nothing more than a hindrance and threat to completely law-abiding Portland residents. If I felt that a criminal would worry about the 1 year penalty this carries before they'd commit a crime, I'd support it. The reality is that criminals steal guns. An extra year behind bars doesn't cause a second thought to someone if they're already being tried for murder or armed robbery.

Please consider the suggestions from Rep. Thatcher that both sides could support - marking the license of prohibited persons. It makes sense, it will accomplish the goal the Dems say they are trying to achieve, and it will allow law-abiding citizens of this state to continue, as before, being law-abiding and not further hindered in exercising their rights. Thank you for your time!

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Sincerely,

Reed Shumaker