

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in regards to, and in opposition of SB941.

As a lifelong sportsman and a firearms owner, for as long as I've been legally able to do so, I cannot see the rationale in bill that makes background checks mandatory for private party sales. The very notion that it will have any effect on gun crime is ridiculous. The following five points outline my primary opinions in opposition.

- 1) The criminals and future criminals that have guns will continue to have guns. The criminals and future criminals that do not, but want to have guns will continue to obtain guns through the same illegal means they would use with or without additional laws and regulations allegedly designed to prevent them from doing so.
- 2) The ability for state, county, and city police agencies to enforce the new regulations will be nearly impossible. With current limited resources, the police can't reliably keep traffic law violators and drug offenders in check! Why would it make sense for them to try and enforce this pointless regulation?
- 3) This bill, if passed, will also do nothing to prevent guns from getting in the hands of children and other irresponsible individuals. That responsibility falls on the gun owner, whether they've had a background check or not. Firearms education needs to be taught at home or in a public forum, ie; school or hunter safety programs.
- 4) This bill would have the negative effect of making private firearms sales more burdensome. If it's a hassle to sell a gun, then the seller will just sell it without jumping through the proper hoops to do so.
- 5) Finally, and most clear of all, SB941 is an attempt at infringing on the rights of citizens spelled out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the United States Constitution.

Thanks for your consideration,

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