

Folks,

I have grave concerns about [Senate Bill 941](#). I see nothing in the bill that will reduce crime in Oregon but only additional bureaucratic invasion of my person. I have five grandchildren and nineteen firearms that will be passed to them sometime in the next 10 to 20 years upon my death. I see no advantage to the State of Oregon of requiring my grandchildren dragging the guns to a gun dealer and to pay for a federal background check. The instructions in my will strictly forbid the executor dispensing these firearms to someone who is not mentally, physically nor character wise capable of using these firearms properly. We as the people of Oregon are not dumb and stupid. We are well educated, capable of making sound decisions and do not need additional bureaucracy dictation our lives. Our forefathers and foremothers carved this state from the raw land and we are of the same stock. They did not need someone dictating daily activities to them and neither do we.

We have more than enough gun laws in this nation to sink a battleship but they don't do any good because a criminal, by their very nature, does not abide by laws to begin with. I know all the arguments about gun violence in the home etc. but this is a matter of education not more laws. On the other hand common sense dictates that you cannot control people's emotions with laws. It just can't be done. Education and training are the tools to a controlled populace, not rules and laws.

No matter what the arguments are being presented for this senate bill it is still "Bad Law". We might as well shoot at the moon with a BB gun because it will have the same effect on crime prevention.

I am somewhat ashamed of the Senators who are promoting this bill as there are many more pressing issues that they could have spent their time on that would have a positive impact on Oregon. We have may Oregonians out of work, hungry, homeless and in need of better education, all of which will contribute to a better Oregon. Senate Bill 941 is an embarrassment to this legislative session. Let us concentrate on the big issues and let families deal with issues such as are described in Senate Bill 941. We are far more capable and motivated to maintain low crime rates than legislators who chase issues such as Senate Bill 941.

Please vote no on Senate Bill 941.

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