

Senators,

I came here from Colorado and was involved in successfully recalling the State senators there responsible for ramming through the gun control policies of outside interests. I will be involved again here if these bills are enacted. I am strongly against both of these bills.

Criminals will get guns and SB 941 only burdens law-abiding citizens, not prevent criminals from getting firearms. Statistics on gun show and private sales as related to criminal activity is nearly nil, as most firearm owners are responsible and law-abiding. Since this is not problematic on even a national level, it certainly can't be in Oregon.

SB 945 is classic government overreach. 4 children (ages 0 - 17) are hurt and 4 are killed on average daily in the U.S. by guns. This includes *all* gun related incidents - accidents caused by children or adults and intentional shootings, which includes suicides. If someone is set on committing suicide, they'll do it with or without a gun. At least a gun is instantaneous. Oregon has about 1% of the U.S. population, which equates to .04 accidents and .04 deaths/day in Oregon. Less than 15 annually. It's sad that these things happen, but it's hardly an epidemic that needs the attention of a State Senate Bill.

Further, a parent whose child uses a firearm to harm someone is already traumatized and now you want to send them to prison? There's nothing more you can do to them that's worse than their child injuring/killing someone or their own self.

I refuse to be made a victim by having to buy another safe for each of my concealed firearms, and being required to turn on a light to see my safe/access my gun, and give away the only real strategic advantage I have to the criminal when all I'm trying to do is protect my family from a criminal intruder who may be intent on killing all of us.

I will be watching this carefully, even though you've made it difficult by running this entire process through in 2 weeks and not publicizing the location of hearings.

Sincerely,

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