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**CHAIR HOYLE & MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE:**

**\*MY NAME IS HERMAN WELCH, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF WALDPORT OREGON.**

**I AM ALSO THE OWNER OF A HAND GUN WHO IS (STRONGLY IN FAVOR) OF PASSING SENATE BILL 941---THAT WILL CLOSE THE (PERSONAL) GUN SALE (LOOP HOLE) IN THE OREGON LAW.**

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**\*WHEN I PURCHASED MY GUN FROM A COMMERCIAL DEALER I WAS GLAD TO UNDERGO A BACKGROUND CHECK AND**

**\*I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT PRIVATE GUN SALES SHOULD ALSO BE BACKGROUND CHECKED FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

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**\*WE ALL HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, BUT THE SUPREME COURT HAS ALSO MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT STATES AND CITIES ARE ABLE TO REGULATE GUN SALES.**

**SENATE BILL 941 IS CLEARLY WITHIN SUPREME COURT GUIDELINES FOR REASONABLE REGULATION OF THE PRIVATE SALE OF GUNS IN OREGON!**

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**\*I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT SENATE BILL 941 WILL CLEARLY BE EFFECTIVE IN CAUSING MOST PERSONS MAKING A PRIVATE GUN SALE TO COMPLY WITH THE BACKGROUND CHECK LAW, AND SAVE LIVES IN THE PROCESS.**

**\*MANY YEARS AGO THE N.R.A HAD A CATCHY SLOGAN THAT-- WENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS:**

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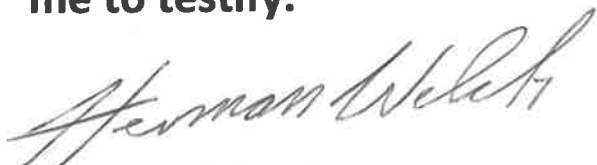
**\*\*\*\*\*"GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE-----PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE"**

**\*\*\*\*\*THEY WERE ABSOLUTLY CORRECT!**

**\*\*\*\*PEOPLE DO KILL PEOPLE-----AND THAT IS (EXACTLY) WHY WE NEED TO HAVE THE OREGON HOUSE (VOTE ON AND PASS SENATE BILL 941) EXTENDING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE PERSONAL SALE OF GUNS IN OREGON!!**

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**My thanks to Chair HOYLE and the Committee for allowing me to testify.**



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