

April 22, 2015

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 941

Dear Co-Chairs Rep. Val Hoyle and Rep. Mike McLane
Committee Members, Rep. Phil Barnhart, Rep. Bill Kennemer, Rep. Rob Nosse, Rep.
Dan Rayfield, Rep. Barbara Smith-Warner, Rep. Carl Wilson, Rep. Vic Gillam

I am testifying on SB 941 which if enacted will expand criminal background checks
for private gun sales and sales through the inter-net.

I urge you to vote in favor of it. Universal background checks are the easiest and
most effective way to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not own guns.

Though opponents fear that this bill will restrict their Second Amendment rights, it
does not. The restrictions apply to those who have felony records, have domestic
violence restraining orders or who are due mental incapacity should not have a gun.
The restrictions apply to those people who have lost their rights to own a gun. Law
abiding citizens will be able to own firearms.

Please vote yes on SB941 and recognize Oregon citizens who overwhelmingly want
universal background checks enacted. A 2013 poll found that 81% of Oregonians
support universal background checks on all gun sales. You will be in good company
if you vote yes for this bill.

Thank you,



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