

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chari Johnson and I own a firearms related company here in Oregon. I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition of the proposed SB941 for the following key reasons:

- 1) SB941 poses no real added safety to the general public. It merely provides more hoops for law abiding citizens to jump through in order to exercise their Constitutional right to own and possess firearms.
- 2) SB941 would obligate law enforcement to illegally stop and/or search any citizen, without probable cause, to determine whether that firearm belongs to them or not, based on the criteria outlined in SB941. Not only is that an illegal invasion of a citizen's privacy, it is also a impossible task for law enforcement to enforce every aspect of the proposed SB941.
- 3) The majority of law enforcement agencies, in the State of Oregon, have expressed their opposition to SB941.
- 4) This will create an excessive waste of valuable law enforcement resources; resources that are already spread thin. Law enforcement is better suited to dealing with real criminals committing real crimes.
- 5) SB941 is attempting to turn law abiding citizens into criminals or felons for acting upon their Constitutional right to bear arms.
- 6) Criminals, by definition, do not abide by the laws already in place. Adding an additional law will not deter their criminal activity. If a criminal wants a firearm, they will obtain a firearm by whatever means necessary.
- 7) Law enforcement does not have the resources or the desire to monitor an unconstitutional law passed by an elite few who simply seek to take away our right to bear arms because they are driven by fear and greed.
- 8) The majority of those calling for a new law (SB941) do not even understand firearms and throw terms around that they have heard in media sensationalism with no understanding of what they mean or how they impact citizens.
- 9) SB941 has lied to the public in stating there is no financial impact. There is a \$10 state fee for each and every transaction a firearms dealer has to run through for a background check. This greatly benefits the state and takes from the pockets of citizens and business owners. Law makers are thus incentivized to pass SB941.
- 10) By forcing citizens to transfer firearms through a dealer, you are unnecessarily transferring legal ownership of that firearm where transferring ownership was never the intent or the desire. For example: There are many security companies that issue firearms to their employees as a requirement of their job. By transferring ownership of the firearm to the employee, the employee has no legal obligation to return the firearm upon leaving the company. This forces the company to hand over company property to an employee. This is also a problem for museums, as the original owners have no intent to relinquish or sell their personal property to the museum or museum personnel.
- 11) Sb941 has no real or genuine benefit to public safety by reducing crime in the state of Oregon.

I strongly urge all of you to reject SB941 and set an example for the rest of the states in our country, that Oregonians have not lost their rational thinking as a result of fear.

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