

Written testimony against Background checks

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the house, and beloved citizens of this state. Can we please stop pretending like we are doing anything to stop gun violence, this is a straight blanket fix to try to cover up the real issue. When the target is law abiding citizens, the aim is irrelevant.

My point first is that when the "black market exists" then legislation like this is just strengthening the hold the black market has on society. Machiavelli as well as many other philosophers bring up this idea of a monopoly on violence. However, when Oregon has market options like craigslist and flea markets for weapon sales that cannot be enforced by this, then the regulation is useless, When the state cannot ensure enforcement, then it is impossible and improbably to expect this to be anything more than a political statement made by the house for the sole purpose of filling their agenda, and speaking on behalf of Oregonians who are capable of speaking for ourselves.

Secondly, why target law abiding citizens when a regulation will never stop a criminal of occupying a gun. It's like banning alcohol in the probation. The black market will run rampant with criminals. This legislation without having the monopoly of violence is useless because the people who commit gun violence will still commit this violence. The line of logic does not follow clearly. Ladies and gentleman of the house, you are all politicians and understand argumentation enough to see when your own argumentation is flawed. Please don't speak for Oregonians when this legislation is only a political statement with no real back bone. When enforcement isn't ensured how any of you dare tell your constituents that you are keeping them safe. Do not lie to us, as a means to make your political ends.