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Chair Hoyle, and Members of the Committee,

I am in opposition to SB941.

My brother, Jerry Craig was shot by Ted Petty who had a legal gun in Arizona some 30 years ago. The loss of my brother is felt as strongly today as it was back then. Ted's girlfriend was feeling quite afraid of Ted and sought some protection from my brother. Ted had been drinking and got mad at his girlfriend and then at my brother for being concerned for her. Ted went home and got his legally obtained gun, came back to the restaurant where they were having coffee. When Jerry and Ted's girlfriend came out of the restaurant, Ted opened fire, first at his girlfriend who escaped being hit, then Ted focused on my brother. Ted shot my brother in the back and he was immediately paralysed and died two weeks later.

I fully support the 2nd Amendment. In fact if my brother had been carrying his gun with him when he went into a coffee shop, he would be alive today. His gun was in his truck. Gun free zones are the most dangerous places to visit.

This bill would not have saved my brother. Carrying a gun is the only thing that would have saved him.

The attached report from ATF report gives an overview, for calendar year 2012, of the lost and stolen gun file entries in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and of the lost and stolen firearm reports submitted by Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) to ATF.

In Oregon, according to the report 2491 guns were reported stolen or lost! I suggest that if you want to have the most impact on safety in Oregon this should be the area of focus for gun safety because these are the guns that the criminals will try to get a hold of to use. Increase the fines for those who sell or possess such guns. Enforcement of the current laws is what we need.

The Constitution protects our right to defend ourselves, and our families. There is no reason to have such unreasonable laws to transfer gun ownership. It will make criminals out of any family or friend who just hold someone's gun for safe keeping while they are gone on a trip. It looks to me like it is just an excuse to make a registry of gun ownership. Doesn't federal law prohibit such action?

Some of our counties need more funding to have Sheriffs available to patrol. This is also a better focus for those who want to reduce crime.

Thank you for your time in considering my testimony.

Respectfully,
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