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The passage of SB 941 has created a whole series of problems for law abiding gun owners, while doing nothing to stop crime. Do we want Oregon to be like Illinois? Strict gun control laws that have been in place for years now have resulted in skyrocketing shooting deaths over the past 4 years in Chicago (highest percentage in the nation). This highlights the fact that this type of legislation does not work to cut down on crime, it only makes the general populace more vulnerable (very dangerous). It is an excellent argument for upholding 2nd Amendment rights. This type of legislation only benefits the criminal. This does NOTHING to deter crime; criminals don't follow the rules/laws to legally obtain firearms, anyway! Every time there has been a massive shooting, where does it take place? ...where there is little or no threat to the shooter (firearms are prohibited).

The 2nd Amendment is in place to protect the right of law abiding citizens to protect themselves, their family and their property. This is nothing but a direct attack on those rights.

As you know, 941 outlaws the purchase of firearms by people protected by Oregon's Address Confidentiality Program. These people are not criminals, they are victims and should not be denied the ability to protect themselves by the legislature.

SB 941 also denies Second Amendment rights to people whose only crime is their decision to live in a recreational vehicle. Why would you remove their right to protect themselves, their family and property only because they choose to live in a home that is mobile?

And, people who want to transfer antiques to private parties are now subject to a background check system that is failing and is not the same check required for purchases from gun dealers.

It is unacceptable to put people who have done nothing wrong in danger to promote the agenda of a New York billionaire. Who do legislators in this state serve? ...the people of Oregon or Bloomberg?

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