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OPHA Urgent Action Alert:

Urge Your Legislator to Pass SB 941: Background Checks Save Lives

As a member of the [Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety](#), OPHA urges you to show your support for gun background checks. **Please call or email your legislators by Tuesday, March 31st** to ask them to pass this life-saving piece of legislation that OPHA has endorsed. Our supporters in Salem need to hear from the majority of Oregonians--87 percent-- who support background checks. **Your representatives will be overwhelmed with emails from the opposition, so it is critically important that they hear from you.** Please [send an email now](#) and ask your friends to call or send an email too.

Background

Sen. Floyd Prozanski and 25 co-sponsors introduced Senate Bill 941 on March 25. SB 941 requires every gun seller to run a background check on their buyer – even "private sellers" who list guns for sale on websites like Armslist.com. The bill has reasonable exceptions for sales to family members, transfers for hunting and sporting, and for immediate self-defense needs.

Passing SB 941 is a matter of public health and safety. In states with comprehensive background checks:

- 48 percent fewer on-duty police officers are shot and killed,
- 46 percent fewer women are shot and killed by their intimate partners, and
- 48 percent fewer people commit suicide with guns.
- Learn more about background checks on the [Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety website](#) and consider joining them to get updates on how you can help promote the passage of this important public health legislation

[Click here to view the full text of SB 941](#)

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