

My name is Paul Furnari; I have worked in risk management for over 22 years. That experience may not necessarily seem relevant to HB 2543, but it actually is as it grants me insight into how people perceive and respond to risk.

Strikingly few criminals gain access to firearms through legal purchases involving the instant check background system. Ask supporters to provide you with statistics and not emotional anecdotes- they will be unable to. The only purpose of this bill is to make it tougher for law abiding citizens to exercise rights enumerated in the Constitution. This is a disingenuous attempt to weaponize widespread inefficiencies of our state's bureaucracies. That is not intended to be mean spirited; by their own admission OSP is unable to fulfill legal obligations around background checks. Passing this bill may please people opposed to the Bill of Rights, but at the end of the day it rewards incompetence. Encourage OSP to do better.