

As health care providers, we know that this is a particularly critical time to implement this law. During the Covid-19 pandemic, at least 585,000 background checks in the US will have been negated because they will have taken longer than 3 days. Here in Oregon, nearly 100,000 more checks occurred in 2020 than in 2019 and 2021 has an even higher rate of gun sales. 90 percent of denials in 2020 were because the purchaser was a felon or otherwise prohibited person. At least 19 states and Washington DC have laws that allow more than the current 3 days. Oregon is behind the curve in preventing weapons from being sold to those who are most likely to use them for deadly purposes. The time is now to pass this bill.