

Chair Bynum and members of the committee,

As in-person testimony is prohibited and not open, I offer written testimony instead.

I write to you in opposition to HB 2543. I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- 1) This bill allows the State Police to indefinitely delay a background check and therefore indefinitely prohibit transfer of firearms. There is no reason to disallow lawful transfer of firearms. The State Police should not be given an excuse to understaff its background check department and fail to fulfill its duties under the law.
- 2) This bill is a solution in search of a problem to solve. There is no problem with the current system, and therefore no need to rewrite it.

For these reasons, I voice my opposition to HB 2543.

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