

To the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing you in opposition of HB 2543. Currently, in Oregon, a firearm purchaser is allowed to take possession of the firearm if State Police don't issue an approval after three business days as long as they don't issue a denial. This is a safeguard to prevent an unending delay when purchasing a firearm. Three business days is certainly enough time for the Firearms Instant Check. Usually three minutes is enough time. By removing this three business days safeguard and not replacing it with any timeline, you are essentially creating an easily-enforceable ban on new firearms in Oregon.

If this bill passes, citizens with no criminal offenses will have no way to challenge State Police if they mismanage their background check or refuse to even conduct a background check on the citizen. A vulnerable person who needs a firearm to protect themselves from violence could be delayed from possessing a firearm indefinitely and could die as a result. I would encourage you not to remove the three business days safeguard from possessing a firearm after purchase. Only representatives that hate firearms and hate firearm owners would even consider passing this bill.

Thank you for your time. Unfortunately, I will have to keep this letter anonymous. I work in a liberal-dominated industry and would miss out on future career opportunities if my opinion on this issue was made public.