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When this committee reviews this bill please understand the process already in place and additional oversight is not needed on legal gun dealers. When a law abiding citizen approaches a gun dealer they already go through a rigorous background check. The same applies for a non-law abiding citizen. Both individuals go through the same process when purchasing from a legal gun dealer.

The difference is when a non-law abiding citizen gets denied, he/she then finds another route to satisfy their needs (black market). The black market is the area needing investigation and law enforcement.

There will always be individuals that have malicious intent, having no criminal history or even appear to have malicious intent. These individuals are always going to find a way through the system because there is no possible screening method that will definitively identify this situation.

Giving government the ability to be judgmental on identifiers not identifiable is considered abuse of power and unconstitutional. I would suggest most opposition to this bill is from people that know and have been through the current process legally. I would also suggest most supporters of this bill are emotionally attached to this bill in one way or another and don't actually know what's already in place at legal gun dealerships. I urge this committee to focus your efforts on illegal operations and illegal individuals. Our legal operations and legal individuals are already steadfast in the fight against hate and unfortunate events.