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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB429

Dear Oregon Senators,

The intent of this bill appears to believe that creating a mandatory hold of 72 hours to transfer a firearm through legal channels is important. Why 72 hours? What crime or statistical relevant study creates a 72 hour waiting period? I can assure you that of my purchases, I have waited between 48 and 96 hours before receiving verification of background check, after I've submitted my application and thumb print.

The problem with this bill is that it interweaves with other statutes regarding possible licensing of gun dealers (separate bill), granting immunity from civil liability for properly conducting a background check and receiving authorization from OSP (already part of this law) and in other legislation, requiring the dealer to assess the mental state of the purchaser. You can't have one law granting immunity for doing what the law requires with another law that asks for something else and perceived liability.

This bill simply creates greater hardship in the legal sale of legal guns. What is it fixing? With over three thousand bills before the Oregon Legislature, how has this bill risen to the top before our budget, homelessness, housing, high taxes and drug use and crime? Please use your time wisely to deal with priorities of our State instead of creating difficulties in an already functioning system of adequate checks and balances. All gun owners have background checks now. All gun owners have to wait for the background check to be completed. All gun owners have been declared eligible in their purchases and transfers. If the system is not broken, why are we trying to make it more difficult? What does a mandatory 72 hour waiting period do besides inconvenience people, require more travel and consumption of energy resources?

Sincerely,

Randall Shafer