

Sir,

I'm sure you have heard it all before but I have to speak up. Universal background checks for firearms purchases sounds good on the surface but when you look at the facts, things begin to get cloudy. The only people who follow the law will be affected. Or they will find themselves labeled a criminal for not knowing they cannot hand down a weapon, to a family member, without a background check. They cannot loan out a weapon without a background check, even at a firing range. Most all of the current laws are already being violated by those that have criminal records. What good will a new law be? It only will affect the good, law abiding people and have no effect on the already convicted.

The OSP troopers that have to investigate the background refusals, have better things to do with their time than hassle people, because they were denied a purchase. Most of the violation are a result of errors on the paperwork or inattention to detail and not of criminal intent. To send out Troopers to check is a waste of their time. The denial of the background check should be the end of it. After all isn't that what it is designed to do? Keep firearms from those that can no longer legally own them. How does expanding the background check help solve anything?

Please do not allow the expansion of the universal background check bill. It is false hope that criminals, who cannot legally own firearms, will be affected.

Thank You for hearing me out.

Sincerely,
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