

Dear Mr. Barker and Ms. Heaton,

I am at a loss as to why we are even discussing HB 4147. While I deplore gun violence I am observing criminal after criminal breaking the law while legislators continue to fumble around passing laws that further inhibit the rights of law abiding citizens such as myself. Why don't you focus on criminal activity rather than misguidedly focusing on passing laws that interfere with the rights of law abiding citizens.

For this particular bill the Oregon background check system is faulty. Every year thousands of people's rights are infringed as a result of the inability of the OSP ID unit to accurately complete the mandated "check."

It makes no sense to further punish those people by removing the one small safeguard the law allows for people who are the victims of a broken system. If the Oregon State Police are unable to effectively do their job then law abiding citizens who are trying to purchase a firearm should not suffer as a consequence. Remember, individual rights are not things to be easily taken away. Unfortunately, our govt. has become so large that individual rights are not considered a priority anymore whether we are talking about gun rights, healthcare, taxes, or just about anything else. Please vote no on this senseless legislation.

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