

February 3, 2016

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Dear Representatives:

Re: HB 4147 eliminating ability of a person to transfer a firearm when it is in pended status for a background check.

A basic right of the American citizen is that Government must assume that a citizen is innocent until proven guilty. The purpose of background checks is to prove a citizen is NOT innocent. To withhold the right of a citizen to lawfully purchase a weapon because of Government inefficiencies or incompetence would be a direct violation of the Constitution.

The real issue with the background check system is that it too often denies a lawful citizen the ability to make a purchase. Shouldn't you be addressing that issue on behalf of your citizens? Have you asked our Law Enforcement Officials why they are not immediately arresting and prosecuting every felon who attempts to unlawfully purchase a gun? We've all heard the statistics that show a ridiculously low number of felons who attempt a purchase are ever even interviewed by the police.

I would like to remind those of you who support this bill that you took an oath to uphold the constitution. What you are doing is diminishing and degrading the rights of your citizens.

Vote NO on HB 4147.

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