HB 4147 Testimony

Representatives,

An individual's constitutional right should not default to a status in which that right is revoked due to the inability of a state agency to complete their task. This removes all incentive to process background checks in a timely, efficient, and accurate manner. We would be going backwards in terms of serving the people. Giving up ones right to a speedy background check in exchange for additional perceived safety is a slippery slope to a police state even the left would eventually loathe.

The bill that should be put forth is one in which state funds are diverted from ill-performing causes (*read: pet projects*) to increase the speed, reliability, and accuracy of our current systems. There is no need to further molest the rights of law abiding citizens when a due diligence effort to correct current deficiencies has not been made.

The premise for the current law, where OSP is required to allow the transfer after 3 days, is to protect the very rights of the individual this bill proposes to relinquish.

You have to expect, with the adoption of SB941, the load on these agencies will continue to expand, along with background checks themselves. Have we not taken the time to comprehend the implications of further reliance on an already broken background check service?

I urge you to reconsider passing this bill.

Respectfully,

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