

*Dear Representative,*

*I understand the spirit of HB 4147, not wanting to complete firearms sales to individuals who cannot pass an OSP NCIS background check. However, I also see how this can be used as a tool to deny individuals their 2nd Amendment rights by simply "not being able to complete the background check" in the 3 days that are currently part of Oregon law.*

*Rather than further infringe on our Constitutional and Civil Rights, perhaps the Oregon Legislature could provide sufficient funding for the OSP NCIS Background Check process, with proper hardware and personnel funding. As well as mandating that mental health records be included within the background check process.*

*See, today the process is flawed , with the passage of SB 941, additional burdens have been placed on the check system, but no additional funding for maintenance and improvements have been... This results in thousands of people's rights being infringed as a result of the inability of the OSP ID unit to accurately complete the mandated "check."*

*Furthermore, in 2015, the Oregon State Police completed 262,838 background checks for firearms sales. Most checks are completed within five minutes. Of those background checks, 8,467, or just 3 percent, were delayed. Of the delayed background checks, 423 or about 5 percent are ultimately denied. How many of those denials were followed up on and properly prosecuted? Less than 1 percent...*

*It makes no sense to further punish law abiding citizens by removing the one small safeguard the law allows for people who are the victims of a broken system.*

*Please fix the broken system before imposing more rules and regulations on the law abiding. Please respect our rights, the rights of your electorate.*

*Please properly fund the OSP ID Unit, that is after all what Measure 71 was intended for, short session to clarify legislation and handle budget issues, not create brand new legislation...*

*Respectfully,  
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