Dear Legislator,

House Bill 4147 would allow the Oregon State Police to prevent the lawful transfer of a firearm forever. The bill does not contain a single safeguard for people who are delayed on a firearms background check with no justification.

Current law has carefully crafted and seriously considered protections to prevent a faulty system from denying a person's rights. They are not "loopholes." They are safeguards. Small safeguards.

If you wonder why people are so distrustful of government intentions, this bill will explain it all.

The sponsor of the bill has testified that 95% of the people who are delayed by the State Police are delayed in error. If the person who is promoting this attack on our liberties admits this, what more do you need to oppose this dangerous legislation? If people in your district were denied the right to vote because the Secretary of State had a faulty program, would you explain that it was just a small inconvenience and they should not object to waiting six months or a year to exercise their rights?

If not, you must oppose this legislation.