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Dear Senators,

We have been told by gun rights supporters that there are gun safety laws on the books already and that they only need to be enforced. SB 797 will allow those laws already on the books to protect more citizens from gun violence and will allow for greater enforcement of existing laws. The goal is to make our communities safer, protecting the rights of vulnerable citizens to live without the threat of abuse or death by people who are slipping through three loopholes:

- Convicted stalkers not only attack and kill their spouses but girlfriends, boyfriends, their children, friends and family. Closing this loophole will strengthen the protection of all who may be in danger by not allowing convicted stalkers to have guns. The protection given to married partners needs to be extended to include other partners.
- It is ridiculous for a person, knowing they cannot legally possess a gun, to attempt to purchase one without being held accountable. Law enforcement should be informed and consequences given for deliberately trying to circumvent the law. This loophole needs closing.
- There are so many barriers to getting background checks cleared in 3 days, not least among them the shortage of staff to complete this task. The fact that the background check has not been completed should not allow a person to purchase a gun. Waiting for a background check to be completed is a very small price to pay to keep us safe from individuals who should not possess a firearm in the first place.

These are three simple, easy remedies that will make our communities safer. Please vote to approve SB 797.

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