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To: [SJUD Exhibits](#)
Subject: SB 797
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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

I would like this entered into the record for SB 797.

I went through this first hand when I moved to Oregon in 2016. I had sent my already legally purchased firearms to a FFL in Silverton. When I went to pick them up I was told that there was a delay to be able to get them. My firearms had been purchased in Idaho, Oregon (back in 1976) and Alaska over the last forty years and I have never had a problem with a purchase. So, I was completely surprised when I was told that I was placed on a delay, for my own legally purchased firearms. It took 21/2 months to finally get my legally purchased firearms back.

It started when I went to OSP to find out what the reason was for the delay. I was told that something had come up in the background check for a case that had happened 40 years ago and they were trying to confirm if it was a misdemeanor or felony (by the way it was a misdemeanor that happened back in 1974). First, I would not have been able to purchase a firearm if I had had a felony conviction. I also doubt that many felons are going to purchase firearms from an approved FFL or go into OSP to find out why they couldn't get their firearms. When asked how long that would take I was told they could not say. I asked if there was anything I could do to speed up the process and was told if I could get proof of the disposition of the case that would help. After a whole day of phone calls to numerous agency's I was finally able to get an answer. I had to send a request to the Nevada Dept. of Public Safety along with \$20 to get a copy of the record. They were unable to find any case that involved me. They do not keep records that far back it said. So, I took this information to OSP and was told that they couldn't accept it as it was not verifiable, it was an official document. I was then told that it wasn't Nevada but the FBI that they got the information from. So, I wasted money on something that they were not going to accept and the time involved getting the information. The FBI did not have all the information about the case just that there was a case. They had minimal information just enough so OSP put a delay on my ability to get my firearms back. As I stated before this had never been an issue before. I finally contacted the FBI and got the proper paperwork to contest the information they have. This was finally resolved after many hours of phone calls and paperwork on my part, no thanks to OSP.

All this bill does is add more roadblocks for upstanding citizens to purchase firearms and does nothing to protect the public. Criminals do not buy firearms at dealers, they steal them or buy them from other criminals. If felons were arrested and prosecuted for illegal firearms that would be a great start. It also does not address the proper funding to reduce the amount of time it takes OSP to clear these delays. I urge you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
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