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Dear Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to vote no on the following bills before your committee.

SB 797 Could be a serious infringement on our civil liberty by indefinitely postponing a firearms purchase because the OSP is delayed in processing a background check. Perhaps it would have been better to sort out why the OSP has problems in adequately performing this function. Is it lack of staff? Is it a poorly managed data base? Is it a purely management issue within the OSP? These should be the concerns of the legislature, to be constantly seeking to improve the efficiency of government, not simply sanctioning ineptitude. The background check does work to discourage undesirables from acquiring firearms, but only if those in charge of the process are capable of doing their jobs in a timely manner.

SB 868 Where are the mental health professionals in this bill? As has been stated over and over again in various media and journals the police are not qualified to handle mental health issues, nor should that really be expected of them. That is the turf of mental healthcare professionals. They are the ones to determine a person's state of mind. Their testimony to a court should be the final deciding factor when it comes to denying a person his or hers civil liberty. Concerned other parties such as relatives, friends, and police should be allowed their say of course, but a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist must be involved. This bill makes no provision for that.

SB 897 Trashing the "militia" movement is a slippery slope. Will you also label as terrorists the black hooded anarchists who turn peaceful protests into smash and grab events, "terrorizing" bystanders and downtown shop keepers into closing down retail store fronts? How about all those calling for violence against law enforcement in the name of civil rights? How about those reveling in their violence by uploading it on social media so that the victims are "terrorized" well beyond the initial trauma? Or is this just about dumping on the "Deplorables"?

Regards
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