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To: [SJUD Exhibits](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 797
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Dear Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Senate Bill 797 is objectionable because it eliminates a fundamental safeguard in Oregon's Instant Check system, as outlined below. While keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill is a reasonable public safety objective, such measures must also be evaluated for their impact on civil liberties. I am concerned that this bill, rather than closing a "loophole" will instead result in responsible citizens being denied their Second Amendment rights.

SB 797 would require firearm transfers to be indefinitely delayed if the Oregon State Police (OSP) are unable to determine eligibility. A deferral from OSP does not necessarily mean the recipient is prohibited, but rather that OSP is not satisfied with the background check inquiry and a determination has not yet been made. Currently, federal law allows a licensed firearm dealer (FFL) to release a firearm after three business days if they have not received any additional correspondence after receiving a "delay" when conducting the initial background check for a firearm transfer. SB 797 would abolish this safeguard, thereby leading to the potential shutdown of sales via endless delays and barring law-abiding individuals from their purchase of a firearm in a timely manner.

For this reason, I strongly urge you to reject Senate Bill 797.

Sincerely,

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