To: The Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: SB 2543

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I've read this bill and think, for the most part, it is well thought through. It defines "transfers" in a way that should satisfy the critics of earlier bills on the transfer of firearms.

It allows various exemptions, e.g., for domestic partners, family members, and so forth.

However, there is one problem, easily fixed. There is no time frame for the generation of a unique ID number that allows the transfer of the firearm. I understand that the concern of the authors of the bill is to not allow people prohibited from owning firearms to slip through the cracks, but there is a better way to do so which would satisfy the critics of this bill.

Add the bold phrase and sentence to "(B) Receives notification that the transferee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing or receiving the firearm, or that the department is unable, after a good faith effort, to determine if the transferee is qualified or disqualified from completing the transfer. After a reasonable period of time, the transfer may occur unless there is evidence that it should not.

These take care of most of the objections, the characterization of the bill as "an endless delay" one, and, I submit, accomplish the intent of the bill.

Thank you for your listening to me.

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