

As a mother, community member and gun sense advocate, I urge you to support House Bill 2543, which will close the deadly loophole that allows the purchase of a firearm without a complete background check. During the pandemic, gun purchases have surged while capacity for efficient background checks has dwindled due to COVID restrictions. As a result, it is estimated that nationwide nearly 600,000 background checks in 2020 would have taken longer than three business days. Background checks that take longer than the three days are FOUR TIMES as likely to result in a denial. Background checks save lives. This common sense legislation will ensure that EVERY firearm purchaser is subject to the law that protects Oregonians from dangerous people who gain access to deadly firearms simply because of an administrative technicality. Please support House Bill 2543 and keep us safe.