

Reasonable background checks are very important. However, there should not be an indefinite period allowed for the state to perform one. Owning a gun is a right under our second amendment. Thus, the state carries the burden of proving that a citizen should not own one (as opposed to the citizen proving that they can) and, if it cannot or chooses not to perform such diligence in a reasonable time afforded it by the people, the citizen should be entitled to receive their gun because there is no proven cause to withhold it. Again, reasonable background checks are desired for all buyers. It is "common sense" as other testimonies say and the state should staff accordingly and nimbly to do so. But because it is a right to own a gun, not a privilege, the state should provide the resources necessary to do so or forfeit it's opportunity. With the denial rate so low, indefinite delays will almost entirely infringe upon the right of law abiding citizens.

At a minimum, please at least continue to define a maximum delay to give assurance to citizens that delays cannot be overbearing. Perhaps as part of that, provide for a deadline range depending on the volume of requests to afford the state some leeway for this important action.