

March 5, 2021

RE: HB2543, 2021 Oregon Legislative Session
To House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble & Powers, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lillie and I am a resident of Salem, Oregon, writing in support of HB 2543.

I've been an Oregonian since 2000, but grew up in South Carolina across the state from Charleston. My heart broke with the news in 2015 of the shooting there that, like many mass shootings, could have been prevented with popular, common sense policy, such as HB 2543.

This gap in the current law that allows gun sales to proceed if a background check is not completed within three business days seems.... arbitrary. It is a mistake that the Oregon Legislature can fix this year and I hope this fix begins with your esteemed committee.

Please consider the lives in Oregon that can be saved with this small but mighty repair of the very popular gun background checks system. This will make our children, grandparents, churches, schools, **everyone** safer. Please pass this "Charleston Loophole", HB 2543.

Thank you so much for your time and your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

Lillie Manvel