

RE: House Bill 2543:

I - and many other Oregonians - oppose this bill. Not because of its "face value", but because it is fundamentally flawed and broken. Nobody - and especially pro-2A/pro-gun supporters - want a bad guy/gal to get ahold of a firearm w/ evil intentions. We ALL want to prevent bad people from enacting evil on others - on a small scale or large. But HB2543 is NOT the way.

The law exists to allow a transfer after three business days, if there has not been a DENIAL. In the contemporary age, when Oregonians can be approved for a firearm sale in <10mins (I've experienced this myself), it is highly unlikely that a person on a deny/restricted list would "slip through". Even more unlikely that, if a person were to "slip through", that that particular person would present a genuine threat.

The law exists as a "check" and a balance against eternal/indefinite government red tape, or malicious denial of an eligible Oregonian's American birthright; the right to keep and bear arms. People are people, after all, and just because a person holds a title of great responsibility doesn't always mean they will act fairly, or justly in all their actions. The 3-day "go-ahead" transfer law exists to protect free Americans -- free Oregonians -- from being abused or perpetually denied a civil right enshrined by our American Bill of Rights.

So many self-proclaimed "heroes" on both political sides talk about how important our civil rights are - and I absolutely agree! But we MUST give ALL civil rights the same, equal respect.

Please...respectfully, I ask you to find a better way to prevent bad people from harming the innocent. We are not made better by restricting the rights of the law-abiding good people, in the name of "helping".

I sincerely thank you for listening to me, and I hope you will genuinely consider my words.

-Tom Homan