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SB25-205 Firearm Serial Number Check Req Procedure

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<p>Rionda Osman For League of Women Voters of Colorado</p>	<p>TO: Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs</p> <p>TO: House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs</p> <p>Re: SB25-205 Firearm Serial Number Check Request Procedure</p> <p>My name is Rionda Osman. I am the head of the Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention of the League of Women Voters of Colorado. The League is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League supports policies to protect public safety, and, specifically, the League supports regulation of firearms for consumer safety.</p> <p>I submit this letter as testimony in support of SB25-205 Firearm Serial Number Check Request Procedure</p> <p>This bill allows federal firearms licensees to request a serial number check from their county sheriff's office prior to purchasing a firearm from an individual. Sheriff's offices are required to establish a system for these checks.</p> <p>Gun dealers would be required to report those guns identified as lost, stolen, or used in a crime.</p> <p>I urge you to support this bill because by providing a serial number check, this law would protect federal firearms licensees (FFL) from purchasing lost, stolen, or crime guns. Gun thieves would have fewer ways to profit from stolen guns.</p>
<p>Keith Emerson Amend themselves</p>	<p>During the Senate committee hearing on SB25-205 a representative from the National Shooting Sports Foundation testified that in the State of Florida Federal Firearm Licensed dealers were allowed to directly check the Federal database of</p>

	<p>stolen firearm serial numbers. That database is apparently updated every two hours. This is done at no cost except for a few minutes of an FFL's time.</p> <p>As a result of that testimony this bill was hastily amended to sunset the original checking process and permit that direct FFL serial number check as an alternative when it "is available". As currently written then this bill will set up a procedure involving sheriffs, police and expense to have serial numbers checked that will be abandoned as soon as a procedure, already available with a little effort by the State, is permitted to be used in Colorado.</p> <p>Please amend this bill to delete the sheriff and police procedure and instead direct the State to expedite the adoption of the direct Federal access process.</p> <p>This testimony was sent to the bill's sponsors as listed in the committee's agenda on April 18, 2025.</p>
<p>Robert Edmiston Against The Firearms Coalition of Colorado</p>	<p>Testimony in opposition to: SB25-205, Firearm Serial Number Check Procedure The Firearms Coalition of Colorado PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454</p> <p>Thank you, Chair and Committee.</p> <p>My name is Robert Edmiston. I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA-affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.</p> <p>I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration.</p> <p>This bill requires a Colorado FFL who, upon receiving the offer of the sale of a firearm, "...reasonably believes, knows, or should know, or becomes aware of the firearm being lost or stolen or involved in an open criminal investigation..." to notify the local sheriff and request a serial number check within 48 hours. The Sheriff can charge a fee for the background check and has 72 hours to return the results of the</p>

	<p>check to the FFL. A dealer who fails to comply risks revocation of his or her state license.</p> <p>How in the world would a dealer be able to accurately determine whether a firearm offered to him or her for sale had ever been stolen or was somehow involved in an open investigation? Is the CBI about to publish a list to dealers of all the guns of interest to the Bureau? This bill creates more crippling liability for firearms dealers.</p> <p>The proposal will likely force any dealer without a fully functioning crystal ball to request a check on every potential purchase. The fee will be passed down to the prospective seller, lowering the value of the sale. Aside from driving more dealers out of business or out of state, the bill also places another administrative burden on the County Sheriffs, who might as well give up trying to apprehend criminals and spend 100% of their time and effort processing paperwork for the State of Colorado. We believe this bill would be a final nail in the coffin of many a Colorado gun dealer.</p> <p>We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Robert Edmiston Volunteer Lobbyist The Firearms Coalition of Colorado PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454</p>
<p>Norah Krause For Students Demand Action</p>	<p>Good afternoon Chair, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.</p> <p>My name is Norah Krause. I am the co-president of Denver East High school Students Demand Action chapter, and testifying today for what I believe is my fifth time this session? I have lost count. I am a survivor of gun violence, my freshman year was inundated with three shootings, and a SWATTing incident. School became a scary place to be, after being one of my favorite places my whole life.</p> <p>I am testifying today in support of Senate Bill 205, a bill to establish a standardized procedure to support firearms dealers in identifying lost and stolen firearms, or firearms used in crimes.</p>

	<p>This bill gives firearm dealers the option to request a serial number check prior to purchasing a firearm from an individual to determine whether a firearm was reported lost or stolen or used in a crime. Hundreds of thousands of guns are lost or stolen from private gun owners, gun dealers, or shipping companies every year. Stolen guns are often diverted into an underground market where people with dangerous histories are able to easily obtain firearms. Lost and stolen guns have been recovered at the scenes of violent crimes, shootings on school grounds, and unintentional shootings by children.</p> <p>I urge this committee to please support Senate Bill 205</p>
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