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SB25-205 Firearm Serial Number Check Req Procedure

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<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: SENATE COMMITTEE FOR STATE, VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS RE: SB25-205 FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK REQUEST PROCEDURE SPONSORS: HINRICHSEN, ESPENOZA FROM: JEANY RUSH COLORADO SPRINGS CONSTITUENT 3-31-25 VOTE: NO</p> <p>Another attempt at death by a thousand cuts into the 2nd amendment, and Weapons owners and businesses is what I am seeing in this bill.</p> <p>Worse I am seeing you create another entity, which is not needed, as we already have strong laws to be sure weapons sales, are handled by law. First you say the bill allows a federal firearms licensee to request serial number, but then you REQUIRE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE serial number check within 72 hours after request. You are creating yet another step and putting more into the laps of sheriffs, and with a requirement of time. Then you want to pose yet another penalty, and thereby creating the pressure on the sheriff. Did you really want to throw more into the laps of the sheriffs to insult them, and make them violate their constitutional obligation of the protection of the citizens, and the 2nd amendment?</p> <p>How many times do you all re - engross a bill to try to pass it through? This punishes the wrong folks, citizens and sheriffs, instead of the criminal that may have stolen the firearm.</p> <p>We need this bill like we need another hole in the head! NO THANKS</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>

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration.

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 check to the FFL. A dealer who fails to comply risks revocation of his or her state license.

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.

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.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you.

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