



Testimony of Liddy Renner, Senior Manager of State Policy, Brady  
Support for HB26-1126  
Before the Colorado House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee  
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Chair Willford, Vice Chair Clifford, and distinguished members of the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee,

Founded in 1974, Brady works to change the law, change the industry, and change culture to free America from gun violence. Our organization today carries the name of Jim Brady, who was shot and severely injured in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Jim and his wife, Sarah, led the fight to pass federal legislation requiring background checks for gun sales. Brady continues to uphold Jim and Sarah's legacy by uniting Americans across the country in the fight to prevent gun violence.

**In pursuit of our goal to reduce firearm violence across Colorado, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to support the passage of HB26-1126, which will ensure safer business practices, create a barrier to gun trafficking, and prevent gun violence before it happens.**

Colorado leaders have persisted in prioritizing the safety and well-being of all Coloradans by enacting and implementing proactive, research-informed policy solutions that prevent gun violence, save lives, and spare entire communities from loss, trauma and cycles of violence. This includes the passage of HB24-1133, which created reasonable business standards for gun dealers in the state and awarded oversight and enforcement authority to the Colorado Department of Revenue. The bill before you, HB26-1126, comes at the request of the Department of Revenue to address necessary changes based on their experience implementing the gun dealer permitting program across the state.

***Gun Dealers Play a Critical Role in Preventing Violence in our Communities***

Gun dealers play the critical role of gatekeepers to those wishing to acquire a firearm. Their conduct has a direct bearing on whether guns are diverted to the illegal market through straw

sales or theft or made available to individuals who would harm themselves or others. The majority of illegal guns begin as legal firearms, initially built by licensed manufacturers and sold by dealers that are subsequently funneled into an illegal market, often through straw purchases. The term “straw purchase” refers to the criminal act of purchasing a firearm on behalf of another, an act that undermines the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and makes it more difficult for law enforcement to trace guns or bullet casings found at crime scenes.<sup>1</sup> The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is the sole federal agency with regulatory and oversight authority over the gun industry, and has identified straw purchases as the most frequent type of trafficking channel and shockingly, ATF inspection reports reveal that dealers that allow straw purchases are often allowed to stay in business.<sup>2</sup>

Theft of guns is another common channel through which legal firearms become illegal weapons and it is the responsibility of gun dealers to ensure that their businesses are not susceptible to theft. Gun theft is on the rise and the threat of stolen guns to public safety is substantial. Nearly 175,000 firearms were reported “stolen or lost” by dealers between 2004 and 2011;<sup>3</sup> burglaries from dealers increased 48 percent and robberies increased 175 percent between 2012 and 2016.<sup>4</sup> Most stolen guns are recovered in connection with crime near the location where the theft took place.<sup>5</sup> ATF has expressed concerns about persistent theft from licensed dealers in 2018, calling it one of the agency’s primary “external challenges.”

### ***Gun Dealers are Not Sufficiently Regulated***

Gun dealers are the number one line of defense to preventing the diversion of firearms to the illegal market, but an average of *only eight percent* of gun dealers are inspected yearly by the ATF.<sup>6</sup> Although the ATF is the sole federal agency with the authority to oversee dealers in the United States, the agency provides little to no regulation, is systematically underfunded, and is legally restricted in its inspection authority, creating a dangerous regulatory gap through which thousands of firearms are stolen, sold to prohibited individuals, or take various other paths to become trafficked firearms. Federal law does not require gun dealers to adhere to safe business practices or train their employees on recognizing signs of illegal or dangerous activity, nor are there federal requirements concerning security standards, video or audio recording of sales and premises, or liability insurance.

These regulatory failures put all Coloradans at risk and speak to the urgent need for Colorado to require that the over 2,000 dealers in the state engage in safe business practices and institute

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<sup>1</sup> Eaton Joshua, (November 2021). *The US Has a lot of Guns Involved in Crimes but Very Little Data on Where They Came From*, FiveThirtyEight <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-u-s-has-a-lot-of-guns-involved-in-crimes-but-very-little-data-on-where-they-came-from/#:~:text=Because%20straw%20purchasing%20can%20be%20so%20hard%20to,them%20%5Bfrom%20legally%20owning%20a%20gun%5D%2C%E2%80%9D%20he%20said.>

<sup>2</sup> Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, (2000). *Following the Gun: Enforcing Federal Laws against Firearms Traffickers* <http://www.nfaa.org/documents/ATF-%20Following%20the%20Gun.%20Enforcing%20Federal%20Laws%20Against%20Firearms%20Traffickers.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> *Review of ATF’s Federal Firearms Licensee Inspection Program* (April 2013). Evaluation and Inspections Division, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice. <https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2013/e1305.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Parsons Chelsea & Vargas Eugenio Weigend. (July 2017). *Stolen Guns in America: A State-by-State Analysis*, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/guns-crime/reports/2017/07/25/436533/stolen-guns-america/>.

<sup>5</sup> Freskos, Brian (November 2017). *Missing Pieces: Gun theft from legal owners is on the rise, fueling violent crime across America*, THE TRACE. <https://www.thetrace.org/features/stolen-guns-violent-crime-america/>.

<sup>6</sup> See ATF, *Fact Sheet – Facts and Figures for Fiscal Years 2015 – 2019*.

comprehensive security measures that prevent guns from being diverted to the criminal market through straw purchases, trafficking, firearms loss, or theft.<sup>7</sup>

While Colorado has filled many of these gaps through the implementation of its gun dealer permitting system, it must further strengthen gun dealer standards and oversight to create an environment where dealers have the tools they need to prevent gun trafficking and understand that they have a responsibility to engage in responsible business practices. Importantly, this bill meets the needs of the Department of Revenue as expressed to fully and effectively fulfill the mandate of the codified policy.

### ***This Bill Will Prevent Gun Violence Before it Happens***

This legislation is critical to curbing dangerous sales, preventing guns from being diverted into the criminal market, and reducing the likelihood of straw purchases, theft, burglary, and loss of inventory. This bill strengthens gun dealer standards and oversight in Colorado to ensure that gun dealers have the tools they need to prevent gun trafficking and understand that they have an obligation to engage in responsible business practices, and allows the State to engage in critical inspections practices to ensure dealers are adhering to those responsible business practices. It also streamlines processes and responds directly to the needs of the Department of Revenue as they work to implement the system we know will protect Coloradans from gun violence.

### **Conclusion**

As firearm sales skyrocketed across the country and within the state of Colorado in past years, Coloradans experienced major surges in both fatal and non-fatal shootings with tragic consequences. The epidemic of gun violence across Colorado necessitates comprehensive solutions, of which HB26-1126 plays a substantial part. Ensuring the Department of Revenue can effectively hold gun sellers to certain standards of responsible business practices will target the exact types of gun violence that Colorado faces today. **Brady strongly urges legislators to support HB26-1126 to help prevent gun violence in Colorado that will help and save countless lives.**

Sincerely,  
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The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

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<sup>7</sup> U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Federal Firearms Listings, <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees>.

**Testimony in opposition to: HB26-1126 Dealer Requirements**  
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Thank you, Chair and Committee.

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.

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 adds more dealer regulations that may drive some smaller dealers out of business and deter potential new dealers from opening a business in Colorado. Many larger dealers are already following most of the practices outlined in the bill. The bill requires security and surveillance system, secure storage of "large capacity magazines," and additional requirements for long gun rentals.

Gun dealers in Colorado are already laboring under a mountain of regulations. There is a pending new requirement that they become registrars for the state government in the transfer of gun barrels, which are non-serialized firearm components unregulated by the federal government. Faced with ever-increasing rules, costs for security measures, and administrating costs, a growing number of firearms dealers are closing up or leaving the state for more business-friendly locations.

This problem is especially acute in rural Colorado, where there are few big chain sporting good stores and substantial distances between small cities and towns. This process of over-regulation threatens to make it extremely difficult for honest Colorado gun owners or would be gun owners to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

As with most gun control laws this measure will have a disproportionate impact on lower income individuals, who will have to travel longer distances to exercise an enumerated constitutional right. Fewer dealers will mean less competition and higher prices.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you.

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**HB26-1126 Requirements for Firearms Dealers**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Wesley Scott  Against  themselves	Good day,  Let the representatives and senators understand that passing this law violates the United States Constitution under the Second Amendment,  the Supremacy Clause (Article 6, Section 2) in accordance with Marbury vs. Madison (1803): "Thus, the particular phraseology of the constitution of the United States confirms and strengthens the principle, supposed to be essential to all written constitutions, that a law repugnant to the constitution is void, and that courts, as well as other departments, are bound by that instrument. The rule must be discharged." Please also reference also 18 U.S.C. § 242 : "Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both..."  Any law enforcement agency may be reported to the Department of Justice for violating the rights of "We the People."
Wendy Brittell  Against  themselves	Chair and members of the committee, thank you. My name is Wendy Brittell. I'm a Colorado resident, a firearms instructor, and a small-business owner who works with first-time shooters, women, seniors, and families. I'm also a military veteran and an Active Duty military widow. I'm here to strongly oppose HB26-1126.

	<p>I support real safety: responsible storage, education, and enforcing laws against theft and violent criminals. But HB26-1126 is not a targeted safety bill—it is an expansion of bureaucracy and penalties that will fall hardest on small and rural dealers and, in turn, lawful Coloradans.</p> <p>This bill expands the state dealer-permit concept beyond “dealing” to cover “transferring” firearms. That’s a major scope change and it will add cost, delay, and uncertainty to lawful commerce—especially in rural areas with fewer options.</p> <p>It also expands who must comply by treating “employees” to include independent contractors and even unpaid helpers performing employee duties. That’s a recipe for paperwork traps and accidental noncompliance, not better public safety.</p> <p>HB26-1126 authorizes massive penalties—up to \$100,000 for second or subsequent violations of certain requirements. For a small shop, that’s not a corrective fine; it’s a business-ending hammer.</p> <p>The bill further expands recordkeeping from certain handgun transactions to essentially all retail firearm transactions (with limited exceptions) and allows electronic records. That raises serious privacy and data-aggregation concerns, and it increases overhead without clear evidence it will stop crime.</p> <p>Finally, it mandates one-size-fits-all security infrastructure and other storage and reporting requirements—costly upgrades that will push smaller dealers out, reducing lawful access and local support for safety training.</p> <p>Please vote NO on HB26-1126 and focus instead on enforcing existing laws, prosecuting trafficking and repeat violent offenders, and supporting education that actually prevents accidents and misuse. Thank you.</p>
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<p>Gary Travis Against themselves</p>	<p>HB26-1126 is an obvious attempt to eliminate the number of FFL dealers in Colorado by adding financial burdens of additional unnecessary security measures. This is an ongoing attack on Colorado gun owner's constitutional rights. Elections are coming and Colorado citizens will vote accordingly.</p>
<p>Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA</p>	<p>Colorado PTA supports HB 1126. PTA supports sensible gun safety and violence prevention policies that will help keep children safe. We have a long history of advocacy for the safety of children and youth, and one of our highest priorities is to protect them from gun violence.</p> <p>Earlier this session we testified in favor of SB 043. PTA has supported legislation to ensure that there are requirements on the sale of firearms and ammunition and bans on the sale of bump stocks, semi-automatic assault weapons, and large-capacity ammunition magazines. We think that HB 1126 is a logical extension of those pieces of legislation because it would close some loopholes.</p> <p>PTA believes that our state's leaders must acknowledge and address the ease of access to firearms. Practical gun safety and violence prevention legislation will protect not just our children but all Americans from gun violence while at the same time respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners.</p>
<p>Carolyn Shepherd For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing to SUPPORT HB26-1126. Back in 2024 I contributed testimony to the importance of careful regulation (as in a well-regulated militia) of firearms in Colorado. At this time the Federal government is both unwilling and unable to ensure that the sale and purchase of firearms adequately protects the safety of Coloradoans. Colorado's State government needs to fill this gap.</p> <p>The intention and spirit of that law was to include the safe transfer of firearms, as well as covering the dealers and their assigned responsible persons. It also surely included security features such as securing large capacity magazines, as well as physical protections on windows, doors, and assuring quality video camera footage.</p>

	<p>I support the clarifications in HB26-1126 to strengthen the intention and spirit of HB24-1353. Please vote yes on HB26-1126. Thank you.</p>
<p>JEANY RUSH Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: HOUSE STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY &amp; VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE</p> <p>RE: HB26-1126 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREARMS DEALERS</p> <p>SPONSORS: E. SIROTA, S. WOODROW, C. KIPP</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO CONSTITUENT 3-1-26 VOTE: AGAINST</p> <p>LET’S START WITH THE OBVIOUS: SHALL NOT INFRINGE!</p> <p>First you are wanting to add something to already existing law for dealers, in obtaining permits to engage in dealing with firearms.</p> <p>Then you are adding for a dealer to transfer firearms?</p> <p>Then you are stepping over to if a dealer, firearms possible dealer has had a violation, and this is already by law a problem, and worse you are dealing with a violator, along with more requirements for dealers.</p> <p>And here we go again with more FEES, the new TAX by Colorado standards, not to mention the catch all for fix our budget deficit.</p> <p>Then you add security measures, beyond what is already law, and heap insult onto injury for dealers, adding more and more expensive requirements, when they are already laden with more and more laws, bills, statutes, and basically Money Requirements. More Death by a Thousand Cuts! You are including employees IN THIS OVERREACH. Then you double down on the registry with these methods to step over the 2nd amendment.</p> <p>Adding the DEPARTMENT’S version of training for dealers, their employees, and responsible persons connected with dealers, goes too far. That should be up to the Dealer, the Business.</p> <p>We already have laws for training as well. You are now interfering, and worse, adding more than 1 Single Issue Bill.</p> <p>Firearms carriers already do training, and for carry permits! Now you are making the dealer keep a registry of their training, when each person has their own records as well.</p> <p>Tampering with Commerce beyond reason is just part of this Over Reaching Bill!</p>

	ADD YOUR CONSTANT ABUSE OF THE SAFETY CLAUSE. WHAT IN THE WORLD MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP STOPPING VOTERS FROM VOTING ON ISSUES THAT IMPACT THEIR LIVES?
Terry Smith Against themselves	I oppose HB26-1126 and ask that you vote AGAINST it. We need to quit attacking and reducing the 2nd Amendment Rights of Colorado. Thank you.
cody grinolds Against DG Arms	I already have to comply with federal licenses for my ffl and sot. Allowing colorado to overreach their power and having to charge an additional \$400 permit sales fee, fingerprinting and all the classes that are now required is a complete overreach of power
Kendra Carpenter Against themselves	This is an unjust attempt to remove our 2nd amendment rights through hurdles and hoops that are irrelevant and only meant to complicate. It simply cannot pass if we want to keep our freedoms.
Jefferson Butler Against themselves	Hello,  I urge you to vote NO on HB26-1126. This legislature does nothing to prevent crime or keep criminals off the streets or disarmed. This legislature will do nothing more than squeeze small businesses into having to eventually close due to the burdensome regulations and state mandates imposed upon them. I appreciate your voting NO on this bill.  Thank you,  Jefferson Butler
Shirley Bauer Against themselves	In just the past 2 years, 22 anti 2nd amendment bills have passed. Not one law you all have passed, has stopped crime or gun violence in our state. All they have done is penalize ordinary law abiding citizens who follow the law. Criminals won't and don't follow ANY of your laws. They laugh at them. You are killing small businesses and It needs to stop. Also, there is not enough resources to enforce the laws you have already passed! (Let alone add another Non funded bill.) You are ruining our state! I respectfully ask you to vote against this

	bill or better yet, if you are the sponsors, just pull it. Enough is enough. Thank you.
Noah Russell Against RMGO	As an American citizen and proud supporter of the Second Amendment, I firmly oppose this bill and the other unconstitutional gun control laws being pushed through the House by the Democrats and gun-haters. I find it highly disrespectful and selfish for these individuals to impose stricter gun laws solely because they dislike them. The Second Amendment is not a subject of debate; it is a fundamental constitutional right, not a suggestion. It is crucial for gun-haters, Democrats, and liberals to understand and accept that while it is perfectly acceptable to have personal preferences regarding guns, it is not acceptable to impose stricter regulations on others simply because they do not share those preferences.
Stan Gelb For themselves	This bill could reduce the number of illegal weapon sales, thereby saving lives. Please vote YES on HB26-1126.
Stephen Rieck Against themselves	Oppose this bill. It destroys our constitutional rights.
Bob Frank Against themselves	I oppose this bill. It seems that the legislature Democrats in particular are imposing more restrictions on lawful businesses who already comply with state and federal law. It's a shame that the legislature wants to control more of a lawful business.
Thomas Cardinelli Against themselves	You need to stop going after law abiding dealers and citizens. No fine will ever stop a criminal. What you need to do is actually stop criminals and start keeping them behind bars for the crimes they have committed. Stop the relaxed policing. Let the cops do what they need to do. All we do is jump through hoop after hoop with new law and new fee after new law and new fee over and over again, yet the criminal gets out and just carries on with no repercussions. Meanwhile we all foot the bill like we did the crime. STOP your bs and start using some common sense thinking.

<p>Steve Cartolano Against themselves</p>	<p>This is unconstitutional and against the second amendment and I and my entire family oppose this bill.</p>
<p>Kameron Bain Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is unconstitutional and encroaches restrictions on 2nd amendment rights.</p> <p>This bill piles new regulatory mandates onto firearms dealers; adding compliance burdens, increasing liability exposure, and tightening state control over lawful businesses with the clear goal of squeezing them out over time.</p> <p>I implore you to reject this bill.</p>
<p>Leif Sigstedt Against themselves</p>	<p>This is an unprecedented attack on our FFLs and the gun industry. This bill will not serve to solve any real problems but it will absolutely eliminate a large number of the remaining FFLs, especially those in small rural areas like mine. It will all but eliminate home based FFLs who have operated here without problem for decades and will further restrict our ability to purchase firearms. This is a terrible bill, and one designed only to hurt gun owners and lawful business owners. Please join with me and vote NO on this nonsense attack on our rights.</p>

## **Legal Statement in Opposition to HB26-1126**

To the Honorable Members of the Colorado State Legislature,

I respectfully oppose HB26-1126, a bill that imposes extensive and burdensome regulations on firearms dealers in Colorado. While I understand and share the state's interest in promoting public safety, I believe that this bill introduces unnecessary overreach, infringes on individual rights, and imposes undue burdens on law-abiding firearms dealers and responsible gun owners.

### **Infringement on the Second Amendment**

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Supreme Court affirmed that this right includes an individual's ability to purchase, possess, and own firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense in the home.

HB26-1126, by introducing extensive regulation on firearms dealers, could unduly limit access to firearms for law-abiding citizens by making it more difficult and expensive to purchase firearms. While I support reasonable safety measures, the bill's sweeping regulations might burden legitimate commerce in firearms and create barriers to ownership for individuals who lawfully exercise their Second Amendment rights. This could disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens, who should not be penalized with excessive bureaucracy or requirements simply to exercise a fundamental constitutional right.

### **Overreach and Potential Burdens on Small Businesses**

Firearms dealers, particularly small businesses, could face significant financial and operational burdens under HB26-1126. The bill's licensing, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements could impose excessive compliance costs, forcing many smaller dealers to either close their businesses or pass on the costs to consumers. This could result in fewer options for lawful firearms purchases and create an environment where only large, national retailers can afford to comply with the new regulations.

Moreover, frequent inspections and the potential for license suspensions or revocations due to minor violations could place an unnecessary strain on businesses, potentially leading to unwarranted business closures. These burdens do little to stop criminals or those with malicious intent from obtaining firearms and instead focus on penalizing law-abiding dealers who already operate within the bounds of the law.

## **Impact on Private Sales and Personal Liberties**

The bill also raises concerns regarding the regulation of private firearm sales. While private sales are currently governed by federal law, the bill could encourage the imposition of additional state-level requirements, such as mandatory background checks for private transactions. This could infringe on personal freedoms and create a slippery slope toward unnecessary government intrusion into personal transactions between citizens.

While background checks are crucial for ensuring firearms are not sold to prohibited individuals, HB26-1126 could be seen as an overreach by extending regulation into personal, lawful exchanges. The proposed additional government oversight risks creating a bureaucratic nightmare and undermining personal liberties by imposing a de facto registry of firearms and gun owners, an outcome that could be seen as unconstitutional.

## **The Ineffectiveness of Overregulation**

History has shown that criminals and individuals intent on misusing firearms often evade regulatory systems, including background checks, through illegal channels. Stricter regulations on lawful dealers do little to prevent crime or reduce gun violence. Criminals can and often do obtain firearms through illegal means, such as black-market transactions, theft, or trafficking.

Rather than imposing stricter regulations on dealers, efforts should be focused on targeted enforcement of existing laws that address gun violence, as well as measures that help reduce crime at its root, such as mental health interventions and community-based violence prevention programs. The bill's approach does not address the real causes of gun violence and instead places undue burdens on responsible gun dealers and their customers.

## **Potential Constitutional Issues**

The bill raises potential constitutional concerns related to the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, particularly regarding the due process rights of firearms dealers. Mandatory inspections, recordkeeping, and reporting could be seen as unreasonable searches or infringements on private business practices without proper safeguards or limitations. Further, the imposition of penalties or suspensions for minor violations may violate principles of proportionality in the criminal justice system, leading to punishment that exceeds the severity of the violation.

Additionally, the right to privacy for law-abiding gun owners could be compromised under the bill's requirements for extensive recordkeeping and reporting of transactions. These

records could ultimately create a de facto registry of gun owners, raising concerns about the government's ability to track firearms ownership in violation of privacy rights.

### **Alternative Solutions**

Instead of implementing burdensome regulations that restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens, I propose that lawmakers focus on enforcing existing laws and improving enforcement mechanisms that target criminal behavior. This includes:

Expanding efforts to stop illegal firearm trafficking and targeting criminal gun purchasers rather than imposing further restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Enhancing mental health resources and public safety programs that address the root causes of gun violence.

Encouraging education for gun owners about safe firearm storage and responsible ownership practices, rather than imposing onerous reporting and recordkeeping requirements on dealers.

### **Conclusion**

HB26-1126 represents a significant overreach into the operations of firearms dealers and the personal rights of gun owners. While I share the legislature's desire to ensure safety, the bill's overly broad regulations would do little to combat gun violence, while placing unnecessary burdens on responsible citizens and small businesses. Rather than expanding regulatory control, the state should focus on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health services, and addressing the root causes of gun violence. I urge the legislature to reject HB26-1126 and pursue more effective and balanced approaches to public safety.

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