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To: Governorsununu@nh.gov
Subject: SB 141

Governor Sununu,

As a retired military officer and a New Hampshire resident, I'm writing to urge you, in the strongest possible language to sign SB 141 into law.

As you may have already heard, SB 141 is intended to end the multi-year history of problems with the NH "gun line" run by the State Police. I have personally experienced delays when buying a handgun and I don't think that anyone should be forced to wait for a gun. In other words no one should be forced to wait to exercise their second amendment rights.

The New Hampshire Gun Line has never provided an instant response to inquiries from licensed gun dealers. This system stands in stark contrast to the FBI system for buyers of rifles and shotguns which almost always provides an instantaneous reply. The problems with the Gun Line have existed for over 20 years; hand gun buyers have experienced a sad track record of delays, delays and more delays for far to long. It seems that each time the problems with the operation of the Gun Line come to the surface (over the past several decades), its few, but influential, supporters claim that they will fix it by throwing more money and personnel at it. However, it continues to have the same old problems.

The ineffective and incompetent "gun line" has placed a huge economic burden on New Hampshire's gun stores, which are overwhelmingly small businesses.

SB141 repeals the NH "gun line" and will get our State Police out of the background check business for handguns and leave it to the NICS so-called Instant check system, as is done by over 35 other states. To be sure, the "gun line" duplicates the background checks that are done by the FBI NICS because the "gun line" must run every handgun purchase through the NICS system in addition to whatever checks they might claim to do. The "gun line" cannot simply operate on its own; it is required by federal law to utilize the NICS Instant check system no matter what they do (or claim to do) within our state. In other words, the "gun line" is in addition to, not instead of, FBI NICS.

Elimination of the NH Gun Line would minimize business regulations, support the 2nd Amendment rights of our citizens and help our small business owners who operate gun shops.

If SB 141 were to be enacted into law, it would take state police personnel out from behind desks, phones and computers and put them on the street, which is where they belong. Enacting SB 141 will reduce the costs to the taxpayers of running the Gun Line because it transfers the responsibility for this federal mandate to the federal government— where it rightly belongs.

Enactment of SB141 would enhance and support the rights of our citizens set forth in our state constitution and in the US Constitution.

Please sign SB 141 into law when it reaches your desk. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Don Bolduc

Sent from my iPhone