



HB-48 Osterman **OPPOSE** Wasting Resources Instead of Fighting Crime

- **Do we really think** that criminals, who traffic in drugs, illegally carry firearms, recklessly shoot at passing cars because of hand gestures, and murder innocent bystanders are going to abide by this law and only transfer handguns at gun dealers?
- **Chicago already requires** that all transfers or sales of firearms take place only through gun dealers i.e. Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). Under chapter 8-20-170 of Chicago's ordinances, it states:

“ (a) No firearm may be sold or otherwise transferred within the City of Chicago except through a licensed weapons dealer as defined in Chapter 4-144 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago.”
- Approximately half of all firearms traced in Illinois come from out of state, with Indiana and Mississippi being the leading sources.
- According to the supporters, about 900 people out of 1.2 million were prevented from buying a firearm at retail stores because of background checks. That is .0008% of all gun owners in Illinois – less than 1/10th of 1%
- **What they don't tell you**, is that of those 900, according to the State Police 414 of them simply had expired or cancelled FOID cards. These were not criminals or felons trying to obtain a firearm from a gun dealer. That means the real number is more like 500 denials. Of those, 52 were for felony convictions, 10 for mental health issues, 15 for domestic battery, 47 for orders of protection.¹
- **Of all the background checks denied**, only 37 were referred to law enforcement for follow up and potential prosecution (.0002%) – less than 1/10th of 1% of all background checks.²

Chicago has effectively banned the possession of handguns in the City, and they are the murder capital of our nation. Do we really think one more law on the books like this is going to stop criminals?

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¹ Cancelled FOID cards are those which are lost and reported to the State Police. FOID holders are then issued a replacement card. Individuals sometime find the misplaced card and try to use it later.

² Illinois State Police Firearms & Information Resources Bureau