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To repeal certain impediments to the administration of the firearms laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KIM (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To repeal certain impediments to the administration of the
firearms laws.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gun Records Restora-
5 tion and Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) The Tiahrt Amendments prevent the collec-
9 tion of valuable information, and the establishment

1 of effective policies to prevent illegal guns from
2 being used in crimes.

3 (2) The Tiahrt Amendments impede enforce-
4 ment of the gun laws by requiring most background
5 check records to be destroyed within 24 hours, and
6 by barring the Federal Government from requiring
7 annual inventory audits by owners of gun shops.

8 (3) A 2012 study by researchers at Johns Hop-
9 kins Bloomberg School of Public Health found that
10 the Tiahrt Amendments dramatically increase gun
11 trafficking to the criminal market.

12 (4) A 2016 study from the University of Pitts-
13 burgh Graduate School of Public Health found that
14 in 2008, 79 percent of all guns recovered by police
15 from crime scenes belonged to someone other than
16 the perpetrator and 30 percent had been stolen.

17 (5) A 2020 analysis from the RAND corpora-
18 tion concluded that the Tiahrt Amendments limit re-
19 searchers' access to data that provide important in-
20 sights, such as—

21 (A) how guns flow from States with less
22 restrictive gun laws to States with more restric-
23 tive gun laws;

24 (B) how prohibited purchasers obtain their
25 firearms;

1 (C) the characteristics of straw purchases;
2 and

3 (D) whether more restrictive gun laws cre-
4 ate a shortage of firearms for prohibited pur-
5 chases.

6 (6) Every year, more than 141,000 people are
7 shot in the United States.

8 (7) 2021 was one of the deadliest years on
9 record for the United States, with an estimated
10 21,000 people killed in firearm homicides or non-sui-
11 cide related shootings, which is an 8 percent in-
12 crease over 2020.

13 (8) In 2024, 57 percent of firearm homicide
14 victims were Black and 18 percent of firearm homi-
15 cide victims were Hispanic.

16 (9) In 2023, the National Tracing Center at
17 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Ex-
18 plosives processed 500,000 trace requests on fire-
19 arms from Federal, State, and local law enforcement
20 agencies.

21 (10) Having effective policies to prevent illegal
22 gun trafficking makes our families and communities
23 safer.

24 (11) Repealing the Tiahrt Amendments would
25 support law enforcement efforts and give the public

1 vital information needed to craft the most effective
 2 policies against illegal guns.

3 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF**
 4 **DATABASE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU**
 5 **OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-**
 6 **PLOSIVES.**

7 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2012.—The matter under the head-
 8 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
 9 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
 10 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
 11 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C.
 12 923 note; Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended
 13 by striking the sixth proviso.

14 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—The sixth proviso under the
 15 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
 16 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
 17 PLOSIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Ap-
 18 propriations Act, 2010 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
 19 111–117; 123 Stat. 3128) is amended by striking “begin-
 20 ning in fiscal year 2010 and thereafter” and inserting “in
 21 fiscal year 2010”.

22 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The sixth proviso under the
 23 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
 24 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
 25 PLOSIVES” in title II of division B of the Omnibus Appro-

1 priations Act, 2009 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–
2 8; 123 Stat. 575) is amended by striking “beginning in
3 fiscal year 2009 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal
4 year 2009”.

5 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—The sixth proviso under the
6 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
7 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
8 PLOSIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Ap-
9 propriations Act, 2008 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
10 110–161; 121 Stat. 1903) is amended by striking “begin-
11 ning in fiscal year 2008 and thereafter” and inserting “in
12 fiscal year 2008”.

13 (e) FISCAL YEAR 2006.—The sixth proviso under the
14 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
15 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
16 PLOSIVES” in title I of the Science, State, Justice, Com-
17 merce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006
18 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 109–108; 119 Stat.
19 2295) is amended by striking “under this or any other
20 Act with respect to any fiscal year” and inserting “under
21 this Act”.

22 (f) FISCAL YEAR 2005.—The sixth proviso under the
23 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
24 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
25 PLOSIVES” in title I of division B of the Consolidated Ap-

1 appropriations Act, 2005 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
 2 108–447; 118 Stat. 2859) is amended by striking “under
 3 this or any other Act with respect to any fiscal year” and
 4 inserting “under this Act”.

5 **SEC. 4. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON PROCESSING OF**
 6 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS**
 7 **ABOUT ARSON OR EXPLOSIVES INCIDENTS**
 8 **OR FIREARM TRACES.**

9 Section 644 of division J of the Consolidated Appro-
 10 priations Resolution, 2003 (5 U.S.C. 552 note; Public
 11 Law 108–7; 117 Stat. 473) is repealed.

12 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF LIMITATIONS ON IMPOSITION OF RE-**
 13 **QUIREMENT THAT FIREARMS DEALERS CON-**
 14 **DUCT PHYSICAL CHECK OF FIREARMS IN-**
 15 **VENTORY.**

16 The fifth proviso under the heading “SALARIES AND
 17 EXPENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
 18 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of divi-
 19 sion B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appro-
 20 priations Act, 2013 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 113–
 21 6; 127 Stat. 248) is amended by striking “and any fiscal
 22 year thereafter”.

1 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONSOLIDA-**
 2 **TION OR CENTRALIZATION IN THE DEPART-**
 3 **MENT OF JUSTICE OF FIREARMS ACQUISSI-**
 4 **TION AND DISPOSITION RECORDS MAIN-**
 5 **TAINED BY FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES.**

6 The matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
 7 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
 8 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of division
 9 B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
 10 tions Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 112–
 11 55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended—

12 (1) by striking the first proviso; and

13 (2) in the second proviso, by striking “*further*”.

14 **SEC. 7. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO DESTROY INSTANT**
 15 **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RECORDS**
 16 **WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

17 Section 511 of the Consolidated and Further Con-
 18 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (34 U.S.C. 40901 note;
 19 Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 632) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
 21 through “(1)”; and

22 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
 23 lows and inserting a period.

