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I request this committee to vote “ought not to pass” LD 168 “An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms.” Start enforcing laws already on the books, prosecuting those who break them, and stop harassing law-abiding citizens with needless bills.

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