

ILLEGAL GUN TRAFFICKING FUELS VIOLENCE: **GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT THE DATA THEY NEED TO STOP IT**



47%

of gun sale records in PA are currently transmitted to PSP electronically through EROS



6-9

month backlog of paper gun sale records pending with PA State Police due to low EROS usage



99%

of gun sales would be covered under bill requiring dealers with 20+ transfers/year to use EROS

PA communities have long faced a tidal wave of illegal guns that have been trafficked into the hands of people who want to commit crimes, while recordkeeping systems have failed to fully modernize to give timely insights to law enforcement as they investigate the sources of these guns.

House Bill 2206 would change that. It would require almost all gun dealers to use the Electronic Records of Sale system (EROS). This would give the PA State Police (PSP) and local law enforcement better access to real-time electronic records to track and trace where crime guns were purchased or transferred, allowing them to better identify patterns and interrupt straw purchasing that funnels deadly weapons onto our streets and fuels gun crime.

MORE FACTS



1% of gun dealers in PA are responsible for selling 50% of crime guns. More timely data would help police better target enforcement efforts to ensure those and all dealers are complying with existing laws to stop gun trafficking.



The majority of gun sales records in PA are still transmitted through cumbersome paper records mailed to the PA State Police, which remains a legal option for gun dealers because they are not required to use the EROS system.



Under the current paper-based system, if a legally-purchased gun is used in a crime shortly after it is purchased, the data from the paper version of the record of sale/transfer may not be input into the system and shared with the proper law enforcement agencies until months after the crime occurred. This hampers efforts to understand and interrupt gun trafficking patterns.




House Bill 2206 is unique: it is the first gun safety bill this session to be co-introduced by a Republican & Democrat and to win bipartisan support at the early committee phase of the legislative process.

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