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To: FFL's
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Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to sign up for our new listserv notification system. By doing so, you will receive all notifications, communications, and updates on the centralized single point of contact firearms background check system. Please feel free to share the attached sign up instructions with anyone who would benefit from being in the loop for all things related to firearms background checks.

Over the next two years we will be building the system you will use for all background checks. We've named it "Secure Automated Firearms E-Check" or "SAFE" for short. This system will be your one-stop-shop for submitting your background checks AND the DOL Firearms Transfer Application (sorry, but we can't integrate the 4473). We hope that it will be more efficient and easier to use for you, as well as result in faster turnaround times for the background checks you submit. There will also be a backup option to allow you to conduct background checks over the phone if the internet goes down. The project timeline has SAFE in full operation by January 2024.

KEY DATES

January 2021	Hired a Project Manager, Technical Architect and Quality Assurance personnel for the technology need and building a new division.
March 2021	Start the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to find a technology vendor.
September 2021	Have a contract in place with the top technology vendor building the required system.
September 2021 – March 2023	Technology vendor will build the required system.
2022 - 2023	Testing with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Health Care Authority (HCA), Department of Licensing (DOL) and Federal Firearm License (FFL) dealers.
July 2023	Soft Launch of the system with a few FFL's at a time.
January 2024	Statewide implementation of the system.

We are in the very early stages of this project, so we may not have many updates to provide you in the near term, but we wanted to send this message to allow you an opportunity to see how these updates would look when you begin to receive them.

Thank you,

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