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To: FFL's
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Subject: WSP Firearms Background Division Update - February 2022

Hello!

As February is a short month, this will be a short message...!

During the 2017 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature enacted SHB 1501, an act relating to protecting law enforcement and the public from persons who illegally attempt to obtain firearms. This bill required FFLs to notify the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) of every denied transaction within five days, as well as provide the denied applicant/purchaser a copy of the denial notice form with the NTN, denying agency, and their right to appeal.

However, once our new Secure Automated Firearms E-Check (SAFE) system is operational in January 2024, FFLs will no longer be required to submit denied transaction notices to WASPC because the Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be processing all the background checks, we'll already know who's been denied. We'll be able to integrate that information into our work processes, and be even more efficient. The revised denial notice form will still be available to provide the purchaser in case they would like to appeal their denial, but it is our hope to have SAFE generate it (with the NTN number already added) as a PDF document so that all you'll have to do is print it or email it to the applicant.

Thank you,

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