



INITIATIVE
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On The November Ballot

WHY YOU SHOULD **VOTE NO ON 594**

I-594 is the latest and most comprehensive attempt to restrict the rights of law-abiding Washington state firearm owners. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has committed 50 million dollars to help fuel anti-gun efforts across the country and a chunk of that money is committed right here in the Evergreen State. Bloomberg and other misguided, elitist billionaires have little concern for your rights and are utilizing their personal fortunes to mislead voters. Initiative 594 is much more than the proponents suggest and would only be a stepping stone in the continuing effort to further erode the rights guaranteed to you under the United States Constitution in Washington.

WILL IT STOP CRIMINALS?

NO. Initiative 594 would not prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. Instead, it would create a **huge regulatory scheme** that would disproportionately burden law-abiding firearm owners. It would be **unenforceable** and cause an **expensive** diversion of scarce law enforcement resources. Furthermore, it would expand the **massive government database** of law-abiding handgun owners.

WASHINGTONIANS SHOULD VOTE NO ON I-594 THIS NOVEMBER!

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YOUR RIGHTS ARE UP FOR VOTE!



I-594 WOULD DO NOTHING TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN AMERICA

Nothing proposed in I-594 does anything to improve America's broken mental health system or strengthen mental health reporting in Washington State. Proponents are making promises to voters that are not present in the initiative's language. I-594 disregards the common threads in recent high-profile gun crimes, where the perpetrator was already under psychiatric care or known to be dangerously unstable, taking psychiatric medications, passed background checks and committed the crimes in a so-called "gun-free zone".



I-594 WOULD NOT STOP CRIMINALS

Criminals will violate I-594 like they break other laws and will continue to acquire firearms where they do now: the black market, straw purchasers, theft and illicit sources such as drug dealers. You can't change criminal behavior by criminalizing lawful behavior.



I-594 IS OPPOSED BY RANK AND FILE LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS), the Washington State Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (WSLEFIA) and numerous individual Sheriffs oppose I-594. Law enforcement officers see I-594 for what it really is: an unfunded mandate that diverts scarce law enforcement resources away from keeping violent criminals off our streets and simply restricts private firearms ownership without increasing public safety.



I-594 CRIMINALIZES LOANS AND TRANSFERS BETWEEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I-594 is 18 pages of costly and confusing regulatory excess. It will specifically regulate ALL "transfers" of firearms, not just sales. The definition of "transfer" is so broad and the exceptions are so narrow that virtually every time the mere possession of a firearm changes hands, even between friends and family members, it is subject to the bureaucracy imposed by I-594, including paperwork, fees, doubled waiting periods, taxes, and government registration in the case of handguns! I-594 makes you a criminal unless you drive to a gun store, get permission and pay a fee to loan or transfer your gun to a family member or friend.



I-594 EXPANDS THE GOVERNMENT DATABASE OF LAW-ABIDING HANDGUN OWNERS

Under I-594, virtually every time the possession of a handgun changes hands, even temporarily, the transfer will become subject to burdensome provisions, including entry into the government registration database of law-abiding handgun owners currently maintained by the Washington State Department of Licensing. I-594 does NOT provide "universal background checks" because criminals will NOT subject themselves to them; rather, I-594 is a universal handgun registration initiative.



I-594 IS CURRENTLY BEING MISREPRESENTED BY ITS PROPONENTS

Talking points and arguments issued by the proponents of I-594 have largely contained misinformation designed to mislead voters. For more information on the provisions that exist in Initiative 594, please visit our website at www.voteno594.com/myths-vs-facts. It is important that voters are informed and know the true, burdensome effects that I-594 will have on Washington State!

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