



## Bill Summary and Position Paper

### Senate Bill: 3623

117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-22)

Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)

### Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization

*An attack on women and  
an attack on the Second Amendment.*

**NAGR Position: Strongly Oppose**

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#### Background:

- VAWA type legislation was first introduced by then Senator Joe Biden in 1994.
- The Violence Against Women Act was NEVER intended to be a gun bill.
- NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
- Section 1101 of S. 3623 - NICS Denial Notification Act of 2022.
- Upwards of 95% of NICS denials are false positives, meaning millions of people are wrongfully prevented from purchasing firearms.

#### What the Bill Does:

- S. 3623 seeks to open criminal investigations into 100% of background check denials.

#### Why it's Bad for Gun Owners:

- Simply having the same or similar name as a prohibited person could warrant a denial in the form of a false positive.
- Tens of thousands of law abiding gun owners will now be subject to criminal charges for registering a false positive.

#### Bottom line:

- Denying a law abiding citizen access to a firearm for simply having the same name as someone is unconstitutional.
- Even more egregious is attempting to prosecute said persons, which is what this bill intends to do.
- We believe the best way to protect women or any vulnerable population is to eliminate government-imposed barriers to self-defense and allow law-abiding citizens greater access to the tools to defend themselves, including firearms.
- The Biden administration is begging for political wins, handing them one on guns within a bill that was never intended to be about guns is the last thing the Senate should be working on.