



The Honorable Pam Bondi
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State of Florida
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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

The League of Women Voters of Florida and the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence call on you to open an investigation into the failure of the background check system for those applying for concealed weapons permits at the state Department of Agriculture. The mistakes made are deeply concerning, and now that reports show there were flaws in the Inspector General's report, it is clear that an independent investigation is warranted.

With thousands of Floridians, as well as out of state residents filing for concealed-carry firearm permits every year, the Department of Agriculture has a serious responsibility to make sure background checks are handled with the utmost level of competence. The lives of Floridians depend on it.

We respectfully call on you to get to the bottom of the mistakes made at the Department of Agriculture, exactly how they were made, if there were further attempts to cover them up, and if there are other issues that have not yet come to light. The public deserves and expects transparency in its government — anything less is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

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