

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Erik Perkins, and I live in Mattawamkeag.

LD 60 is a misguided proposal. A waiting period is pointless for anyone who already owns a firearm. It is dangerous for anyone who does not, but might need one to help protect themselves. If someone is attacked, they don't get to pick the time. The exemption for law enforcement officers and security guards is perplexing. These individuals already have duty weapons issued to them.

In California, the state's excuse for their 10-day waiting period is so that the Department of Justice can process background checks (something the FBI currently does within a few minutes). LD 60 has no excuse.

Nobody would suggest a waiting period for speaking, worshiping, or planting one's own crops. I urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 60.

Thank you.