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LD 2238

I am writing to state my opposition to LD 2238 "An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases". The proposed legislation is an infringement on the rights of citizens and would be completely ineffective of course, but I would like to point out how it creates an undue burden on law-abiding firearms purchasers from a practical standpoint as well.

I live in Wiscasset. The last firearm I purchased was at Kittery Trading Post in Kittery this past November. During a rare Saturday trip to Kittery I stopped at the Trading Post on a whim where I unexpectedly came across a model of firearm I had been looking for and purchased it. If LD 2238 were to become law, in the situation I just described above my ability to acquire my lawfully purchased firearm would be delayed for 72 hours and I would thus have to make a second trip to Kittery, an approximately 2.5 hour drive, three days later, during the work week, to actually take possession of it. This is an utterly and completely ridiculous burden to place on people.

The supporters of LD 2238 are either deliberately trying to make the process of purchasing a firearm as burdensome as possible in order to discourage sales or else are completely out of touch with the realities of living and doing business in much of this state. For many people buying guns is not just a matter of driving five minutes down the road to the local shop. In many parts of Maine people may live long distances from their firearms dealers and forcing them to make multiple trips to and from their gun shops, burning additional gas and time, is not an acceptable solution.