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LD 2238

I oppose LD 2238 “An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases”, and it “ought not to pass”.

Waiting periods jeopardize the lives of the law-abiding and will hurt small businesses in our state. Once a background check is passed, imposing an arbitrary waiting period could be the difference between life and death for someone looking to leave a domestic violence situation. Waiting periods would make it impossible for gun shows to continue in our state, and would shutter small businesses who depend on traveling patrons for their livelihood.

The ability to protect yourself and your loved ones has never been more important. It is well documented that police response times are rising across the country, and in Maine, for a variety of factors. If a violent intruder breaks into a home, a 72-hour waiting period could be the difference between life and death.

Again, I oppose LD 2238 “An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases”, and it “ought not to pass”.