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I have a close family member who has struggled with bipolar disorder their entire life and I have been intimately involved in their emotional crises. On the one hand this person is a very knowledgeable, responsible, cautious gun-owning hunter. On the other hand, it is extremely stressful to navigate the impulsive nature and emotional whiplash of someone in mental health crisis, particularly when there are firearms involved.

There is no legitimate reason to need to buy a firearm on a basis that can't wait 72 hours. I urge the committee to support this legislation and thank the members for considering my testimony.