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LD 2238

I am writing to express my opposition to LD 2238 an act to address gun violence in Maine by requiring a waiting period for certain firearm purchases. This bill is basically identical to LD 60 that was voted down last year. This bill places a 72 hour waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm but this is an arbitrary barrier being set by the government concerning a civil right. Is there any other civil right listed in the Bill of Rights that first requires a 72 hour waiting period before the right can be exercised or acknowledged? Can the government impose a 72 hour waiting period before a citizen has the permission of the government to attend a place of worship? Does the government have a 72 hour window to inflict cruel and unusual punishment on a person before the government will agree to honor a citizen's eighth amendment civil rights? LD 2238 is an unconstitutional barrier on a citizen exercising their civil rights and ought not to pass.