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LD 2238 - An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases OUGHT NOT TO PASS.

It cannot be shown that restricting citizens' right to purchase a firearm, a right guaranteed them in the Federal and State constitutions, results in decreased risk to the public or lower rates of suicide; any claims to this are false. Further, most (all?) gun owners own more than one firearm, rendering the idea moot. Waiting periods do not allow for more 'in depth' background checks, which are nearly instantaneous. They may result in an abused woman's ability to defend herself in extremis, however...

The tragedy seen in Lewiston had a 'waiting period', and laws were in place which COULD HAVE prevented it - which were not used. To further restrict the law-abiding and infringing on their constitutional rights is an unacceptable way to deal with failing to use the tools already given to the State and law enforcement.

Most of these 'proposals' of late seem to be political in nature (hence the bussing in of out of state groups to show false support...), and are more of a 'gotcha' than anything that offers real solutions, such as increasing access to and availability of mental health care to those who need it - the real source of nearly ALL of these issues. It would be nice to know we still live in a state that does not cave to a mob of well-funded activists. Please vote "ONTP" on these ineffective pieces of bad legislation.

Thank you.