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My name is Richard Shapiro, and I live in Brunswick. I am also a stalking victim, and this bill is terrifying.

This bill is utterly ineffective in preventing crime, places a far higher number of Maine citizens in danger than it could ever protect, and strips all Maine citizens of their constitutional rights for an arbitrary 3 day period.

First it puts a blanket waiting period on tens of thousands of firearm purchasers to protect against the vanishingly unlikely scenario that a person will:

- 1) want to commit murder with a gun;
- 2) not already have a gun;
- 3) won't steal a gun or obtain one without a background check – as all criminals do;
- 4) be able to pass a background check;
- 5) won't commit that murder with any of a hundred other available weapons;
- 6) won't change their mind in the couple of hours it takes to go get the gun, but will change their mind within 72 hours.

Meanwhile, this law would strip the right of self defense from every single battered woman suddenly threatened by an abusive spouse or stalker.

Guns break. Guns wear out. They sometimes need to be replaced. A person who is competing, hunting, or even an experienced firearms user who would need one for self defense would be categorically, unreasonably, and probably unconstitutionally, denied their constitutional right for 3 days.

And, while it's making Maine less safe, it is, instantly destroying our entirely legal gun show industry – an industry where, despite the numerous lies being told about it, every single firearm sale goes through a full background check.

This bill is truly not fit to pass.