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LD 2238

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting a vote of ought not to pass on LD 2238, An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases.

This law is an attempt to use the Lewiston tragedy to rob honest citizens of an opportunity to protect their own lives. With lockdowns in nearby towns and an event that lasted several days I was glad to have a weapon in my home. I was also glad that a friend, a single woman living alone, in a town bordering the event had a firearm. If this law passed and she did not have a gun her only recourse would have been to lock her doors and pray. Shame on you for putting people's lives at risk. The present laws are well thought out and, if obeyed, are adequate. This bill simply infringes on honest citizens rights. In theory, a three-day waiting period could save lives but in practice it costs lives. There are hundreds of examples of women who have been assaulted or killed by a person named in a protective order. In some of these cases they were in a waiting period to take possession of a gun. We don't need this bill. The certainty is it will cost some woman her life.

Anyone who votes yes on this bill should write their apology letter to the victim's friends and relatives and keep it on file. It is not a theory. It will happen. The question is when.

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