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Chairperson, members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. My name is Kyle, and I am the principal CEO of Kent Ordnance Technologies, research and development and training consultant for Tundra Secure Services. With over 15 years of experience in firearm policy and public safety and training. I am here to express concern regarding the proposed 72-hour waiting period for firearm purchases.

While I understand and respect the intent behind this legislation—to reduce impulsive acts of violence or self-harm—I must respectfully share that, based on available research and real-world application, such waiting periods often fail to deliver meaningful public safety outcomes.

Multiple studies examining jurisdictions with similar waiting periods have shown little to no measurable impact on firearm-related crimes or suicides. In fact, the vast majority of firearms used in crimes are not newly purchased but are illegally obtained or stolen. Imposing a mandatory delay on lawful purchasers does little to address the core issue of criminal access to firearms, and instead places undue burden on responsible citizens—including those seeking protection in urgent circumstances.

Moreover, enforcement of a 72-hour delay consumes administrative resources without a clearly demonstrated benefit. Policies should be evidence-driven, and in this case, the data does not support the efficacy of this approach.

I encourage the committee to consider more targeted strategies—such as improved background check systems, mental health interventions, and enforcement of existing laws—which have a more direct correlation with improved public safety outcomes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Kyle Kent