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LD 208

LD 208 - An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases (Rep. Faulkingham)

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Peter Morgan, I live in Raymond, Maine and I have been very concerned about the impact of firearms on our community.

One aspect of the complex firearms issue will not solve needless injuries or loss of life, but the undeniable fact is that the mishandling of the tool / weapon causes considerable harm and loss.

A waiting period for firearm purchase and background checks are worthwhile administrative steps to facilitate public safety ( though not assured ). The chronic losses of family members and loved ones due to veteran suicides needs to be addressed ( a delay of spontaneous actions can prevent some tragedies ).

As an active duty veteran and twenty year member of Veterans For Peace I hope you will support such measures as the organization endorses. ( See the following resolution approved by the membership. )

I encourage members of the Committee to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS this legislation.

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#### VETERANS FOR PEACE

##### Resolution 2023-3: Preventing Gun Violence

Whereas, often members of Veterans For Peace have often experienced the effects of gun violence first-hand, and

Whereas, veterans have a special voice in spreading the message of stopping the violence perpetuated by the use of guns, which includes veterans using a gun to take their own lives;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Veterans For Peace urges it's members and Chapters to work to stop gun violence and to support like-minded groups (such as, but not limited to, organizations like Veterans For Gun Reform - Brady, Everytown For Gun Safety, Gifford Veterans Coalition, Sandy Hook Promise), and

Be It Further Resolved that Veterans for Peace supports legislation that would

- Prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of certain military style, semiautomatic assault weapons and ammunition magazines that hold more than ten rounds;
- Mandate universal background checks on all gun sales;
- Establish extreme risk laws ("Red Flag") that help prevent a person in crisis from harming themselves or others by temporarily removing guns and prohibiting the purchase of firearms, and

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