

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Grace Leavitt. I live in Raymond. I am writing as a parent, a grandparent, and as a recently retired educator after over 43 years in the classroom.

I am writing to urge you to vote '**ought NOT to pass**' on the following LDs:

LD 208 "An Act to Eliminate the 72-hour Waiting Period on Firearm Purchases";

LD 1062 "An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms"; and

LD 1230 "An Act to Abolish the 72-hour Waiting Period for a Gun Purchase".

We have only recently made progress on enacting measures to help prevent gun violence in our state and to improve the safety of our communities and our schools. To reverse direction would be detrimental. Instead we must continue to make further progress.

It seems that each time our state legislators are considering measures regarding guns there is yet another mass shooting that has occurred. Just yesterday another tragedy took place at a school in Texas.

Please be sure you are all doing what you can to prevent the next headline being about an incident in our beautiful state.

Please vote Ought Not to Pass on LDs 208, 1062, and 1230. Our communities are depending on you.

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