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**Judiciary Committee**

State House  
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Jeremy Burlingham, a resident of Waldo, I'm here to testify in strong support of LD 208/1230 .

The 72 hour wait keeps people from acquiring a firearm for self defense, hunting or competition which could be time sensitive. As far as this constitutional infringement argument the 1st district has weighed in in part and will be settled soon

The argument people use to push the waiting period (Bloomberg and Gifford funded groups) is typically that it deters suicides and homicides, i can tell you that is wrong. I was a firefighter EMT in Connecticut for 20 years and also 12 years of 911 dispatch including Connecticut State Police and Maine Department of Public Safety. In responding to and filing reports for these deaths and injuries, in Most cases the firearm was something that was owned for some time. People do not buy new guns to kill themselves nor do they go thru a background check and acquire new firearms tied to themselves to commit a crime.

Given the factual information one can obviously see that the waiting period doesnt stop suicide or gun violence caused by miss-use of a firearm, it just delays honest people from exercising their constitutional rights.

Please support LD 208 and restore peoples rights.

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Burlingham*

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