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Hello. I would like to recommend the "ought to pass". I feel strongly that the premise of the 72hr waiting period was based on flawed statistics of suicide rates and i do not feel it has helped nor would help prevent a suicide. Recently, in 2023, a woman went to a shooting range in Holden. While there, she rented a gun without any indications of her intentions and proceeded to commit suicide with a range safety officer present. The waiting period would not prevent that. I live in central maine, and there are several bridge jumping suicides yearly. Also, not preventable by the 72hr wait period.

But i feel it would endanger lives for victims of domestic abusers. When an abuser is released from jail or prison, the state is supposed to notify the victim before release. Often, this does not happen. This lack of following protocol endangers lives. Sometimes they are only held for as little as a day. This clearly is not enough time for a victim to wait for the ability to defend themselves. There are cases of his exact scenario happening in this country. I admit to not hearing of it in maine, yet.

On a financial note, many gunshows were hurt by this. I personally wouldnt want to drive twice to a gun shop that i contacted at a show. I already own several guns, so why create a financial and time burden for people who have passed back ground checks? As a result, some organisations that sponsor these events for community fundraising projects lost money that would have been invested in community support. Fewer vendors and fewer attendees spending money for admission, raffles, and food served.

Thank you