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I oppose this because it fails to properly address a root cause of gun violence and actual efficiency of background checks.

While federal laws require a background check for all firearms purchases and many states require them for private transfers there is no evidence that extending a waiting period prevents gun violence. There are cases of people who were subjected to extended waiting periods and ended up needing a firearm for protection but were left vulnerable to their attacker.

Furthermore, a law abiding citizen who upholds the law and does every effort to follow it will be subject to unnecessary bureaucratic delays while a criminal with no regard for laws or others will simply ignore the constraints and will be able to prey on others.

Lastly, those who need firearms for protection are often the minorities and lower class citizens in areas with high crime and possible longer police response times. Those folks will be greatly impacted negatively by this while well off people will be less affected by their ability to leverage their advantages.

Thank you for your time.