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a 72 hour wait is nothing more than a punishment for law abiding citizens. Guns purchased in the black market don't have a waiting period because criminals don't follow laws.

If a criminal does try to buy a gun our great background check system done via the State police will catch them. I do not see what this does besides hurt law abiding citizens. if anyone buys a gun using the current OSP check system, often causes delays due to the additional checks we have. My wife had to wait 4 weeks to get her firearm. To then add another three days is a slap in the face to your constituents.

This will not help with suicides, every suicide story we here about in other testimonies are a gun was already in the house. Not a single story told says they bought a gun took it home and committed suicide. Suicide is a mental health crisis, not a gun control issue. Research shows that restricting access to firearms does not address the root causes of suicide. Instead of ineffective waiting periods, Oregon should invest in mental health resources, crisis intervention programs, and education to prevent suicide holistically.

There is no actual evidence that the waiting period saves lives. There is no conclusive evidence that waiting periods prevent homicides or mass shootings. States with strict waiting periods, like California, still experience high crime rates, proving that delays do not deter criminals.