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Dear Senators Prozanski, Manning, Frederick, Meek, Reynolds,  
Senate Bill 429 is a steaming pile of garbage that screws law-abiding Oregonians while doing nothing to stop crime. A 72-hour wait after a background check approval? That's not safety—it's a deliberate kick in the nuts to the Second Amendment. Here's why this bill's a disgrace, with facts to back it up.

This hits the good guys, not criminals. Oregon's background checks already tie to NICS—28 million checks nationwide in 2022, 92% approved fast. OSP reported 1,013 gun crimes in 2023—mostly illegal guns, not legal sales. Your 72-hour delay punishes the hunter in Bend or the mom in Portland who passed, while street thugs laugh. OHA says 75% of 2022 gun deaths were suicides—folks who already owned guns. Homicides? DOJ says 80% involve illegal firearms. This bill's a joke—criminals don't wait.

Your “cooling-off” excuse is bullshit. A 2021 Review of Economics and Statistics study claims a 2% homicide drop, but it's shaky, not Oregon-specific. A 2017 American Journal of Public Health study found no link between waiting periods and less violence in states like ours with checks. Why? Killers steal or smuggle, not shop. This solves nothing.

It screws small businesses, too—200+ Oregon dealers holding inventory longer, eating costs. Buyers? Low-income or rural folks can't afford extra trips. And that immunity clause? Cute, but what about the woman fleeing an abuser? Oregon had 8,000+ domestic violence cases in 2023—many repeat offenders. She gets approved, then waits 72 hours while he's at her door? You're risking lives.

The feds let sales go after 72 hours if checks delay—no major issues here per OSP data. So why add this post-approval wait? It's control, not safety. Bruen (2022) says gun rights matter—you're choking them with no proof it works. The NRA's right: this is a “systematic end” to lawful gun ownership in Oregon.

Drop this trash, Prozanski and crew. Fix mental health—Oregon's short 40% on providers—or hit illegal guns. Stop screwing us. Kill SB 429 before it kills our rights.