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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Dear Senate Committee On Judiciary,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that would prohibit gun dealers from transferring firearms or unfinished frames or receivers until 72 hours have passed from the time a criminal background check is requested, and the dealer has received an approval number from the Department of State Police.

While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety and preventing firearms from falling into the wrong hands, this proposed regulation imposes unnecessary and burdensome delays on law-abiding citizens seeking to legally purchase firearms. The 72-hour waiting period would create significant inconvenience and unnecessary obstacles for responsible gun owners and dealers, potentially disrupting the rights of individuals to exercise their Second Amendment freedoms in a timely manner.

In addition, the proposed rule seems redundant, as current federal and state laws already require background checks for all firearm transactions. The proposed waiting period could have a detrimental effect on small, local businesses, many of which rely on the ability to conduct efficient and timely transactions to meet customer needs and ensure their financial viability.

Rather than imposing additional regulations that may not substantially increase public safety, I urge you to consider more balanced and effective solutions that address the root causes of gun violence, such as improving mental health services, addressing illegal gun trafficking, and promoting responsible firearm ownership and education.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider moving forward with this legislation and focus on finding solutions that respect the rights of law-abiding citizens while effectively addressing public safety concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to a continued dialogue on how we can best protect the rights and safety of our community.

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