

Submitter: Tony Bush  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB429

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 429, which mandates a 72-hour waiting period for firearm transfers, regardless of when a background check is completed. While I understand and respect the intention behind this bill, the reality is that such waiting periods are ineffective and unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens. Oregon has had a waiting period in the past, and it did not yield any measurable public safety benefits. Reinstating a policy that has already proven ineffective only adds unnecessary burdens without producing real results.

This bill could also endanger those who need immediate access to a firearm for self-defense, such as survivors of domestic violence or individuals under immediate threat. Forcing them to wait three additional days—even after they've passed a background check—could have life-threatening consequences. Our current background check system is already designed to block prohibited individuals from purchasing firearms. Once someone has passed that check, there is no public safety justification for making them wait longer.

In addition, SB 429 imposes additional administrative strain on small gun dealers who are already operating under complex and strict regulations. Delays caused by the mandatory waiting period could disrupt business operations and harm both sellers and buyers without actually reducing crime. We need evidence-based policies that focus on keeping guns out of the hands of criminals—not feel-good measures that create obstacles for responsible gun owners. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on SB 429.

Sincerely,  
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