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Criminals and those intent on harm do not acquire legally and will not be affected by this law. A waiting period only delays lawful self defense for responsible citizens particularly women, domestic violence survivors and at risk individuals who may need immediate protection. Suicide is a mental health issue not a gun control issue. Instead of ineffective waiting periods Oregon should be investing in education, mental health resources and crisis intervention programs. There is no conclusive evidence that waiting periods prevent homicides or mass shootings. Delays do not deter criminals. Oregon already has mandatory background check system that often causes delays. This is a feel good measure that restricts rights and puts Oregonians at risk . We should be focusing on mental health support, law enforcement resources and education.