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SB 429 should be rejected by Oregon Lawmakers. It is proposed that a 72-hour waiting period will reduce suicides and prevent impulsive violence. This bill disregards constitutional rights and personal safety. It is an ugly game of manipulation to tell school age people that this bill will make them safer in schools or from their own poor judgment at a difficult time. Criminals and those who would harm themselves do not acquire guns legally. Instead of ineffective bills, such as SB 429, Oregon should invest in mental health resources, factual education and crisis intervention programs.

States with strict waiting periods, like California, still experience high crime rates. DELAYS DO NOT DETER CRIMINALS.

Senate Bill 429 is designed to make certain people feel good with their action, but it takes away rights and puts Oregonians at greater risk. It is not a solution to gun violence or suicide prevention. We all wish it were so; there is no real data that supports this.

Lawmakers should reject SB 429 and invest in proven strategies that would protect Oregonians.