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SB429

I am writing you in strong opposition to SB 429. Waiting periods are nothing but arbitrary boundaries for law abiding citizens to obtain firearms and have no affect on crimes or suicide.

There is no evidence that waiting periods have any effect on suicide or homicide. The average time period from purchase to when crimes are committed is 9 years.

Criminals will not be affected by waiting periods. Most state inmates that were in possession of a firearm at the time of their arrest, obtained the firearms illegally through a friend or family member.

The argument that a waiting period will prevent homicides is also incorrect. Two-thirds of gun owners own more than one gun and a cooling-cooling off period for these individuals will have no effect.

Though the thought and basis come from a good place, SB 429 will do nothing to reduce suicide and homicide. There are no statistics available showing that waiting periods prevent suicide or homicide by firearms.