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To Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you today in strong support of SB 243-A as an individual and community member with one foot on both sides of the issue.

I grew up in a home where unloaded firearms were securely stored in a locked safe in southern California. My father would occasionally take us to the desert to do target practice. Then I lived in interior Alaska for 13 years in a cabin with several shotguns and rifles and regularly fished and hunted for moose as well as grouse, duck and rabbits. In a Speech class in college, I demonstrated how to skin a rabbit. My father-in-law was also a hunter, and my husband and I own a gun. In other words, I'm no snowflake and believe in the right to own guns and be able to hunt ethically.

I also know many responsible gun owners and hunters, and know that the *huge* vast majority are law-abiding and support common sense laws.

SB 243-A is as common sense as it gets. Requiring a 72-hr wait does not in any way infringe on gun-owner's rights. Most things in life take at least few days from initiation to final permit. If someone is that anxious or impatient that they can't wait 72 hours to buy a gun, then something is obviously amiss. Why the rush regarding a deadly weapon? We *should* take our time and make sure it is all done right and above board.

As a citizen, I am much more inclined to visit think public buildings and zoos, knowing concealed weapons are banned. Guns are for killing things, period. They are for hunting or military uses. It is simply common sense to err on the side of the Precautionary Principal, and as a society the vast majority of us have concluded that there are places where guns should just never be allowed, such as courthouses, and all public buildings, schools and zoos should be included. Those are *not* places where one would hunt, do target practice, nor are they conflict zones. There is no legitimate reason to bring a gun to a zoo.

Thank you,
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