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I oppose this legislation.

Adding further 72 hour delays to the transfer of a firearm, beyond the usual background check and in addition to newly added hurdles from Measure 114, is intended to frustrate and encumber citizens from pursuing lawful and Constitutionally protected activities.

The rapid fire activator device definition is overly broad and will lend itself to abuse in an effort to wrap other, unrelated sorts of firearm parts, into this ban.

Concealed Handgun License holders appear to be the only target for the change in definition of Public Buildings. This target are the same people who submitted to a licensing process and background check to become CHL holders. I have yet to see any evidence or pattern of conduct which supports this further restriction of carrying a concealed firearm by these license holders. They sought the permission of the government to carry their firearms, yet the government seems to believe these license holders comprise some sort of threat - this makes no sense.

Add this to the fact that there is no rational definition of "grounds adjacent to these public buildings" contained in the bill to delineate where the CHL licensee can carry, and this legislation seems only to be a means to legally trip licensees into becoming a criminal violator by definition without actually being a criminal actor. This makes no sense either. The "adjacent grounds" will be adjacent to otherwise open public space and this will only cause otherwise lawful people, people who obtained the government's permission to carry a concealed weapon in the first place, to be caught up in an opaque legal battle that threatens their freedom. This could be avoided by this body rejecting this poorly thought out bill.

Thank you for your consideration.