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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing asking you to support the common sense gun violence prevention measures that have been consolidated into this bill. One of the components is a 72 hour waiting period. We know that people suffering from depression often act impulsively to purchase a gun and then use it shortly after to take their life. Giving people a cooling off period can be a vital way to save people's lives. We have a crisis of suicide in our state. Over 75% of gun deaths in our state are gun suicides. When suicide is attempted by another means it often fails, giving the person a chance to get counseling. Gun suicide often takes the person's life, and they never get the chance to get help.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for taking action to prevent gun suicide.

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