

Submitter: Melissa Hill

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB429

My name is Melissa Hill and I am writing today as a woman, a proud Oregonian, and a responsible citizen who values the fundamental right to self-defense. I urge you to oppose SB 429.

This bill would impose a mandatory 72-hour waiting period for firearm purchases even after a background check has already been cleared. As a woman, this concerns me deeply. We often find ourselves at greater risk of violence or threats especially in domestic situations or when trying to escape dangerous circumstances. In moments when time is critical, this arbitrary delay could literally cost lives.

Let me be clear: I support responsible gun ownership and thorough background checks. But SB 429 doesn't improve safety it only places additional burdens on law-abiding citizens. If a background check is completed and approved, there is no justifiable reason to delay a person's right to defend themselves.

For many women, the ability to access a firearm quickly and legally may be their only means of protection. A mandated 72-hour waiting period is not just an inconvenience it's a potential barrier between a woman and her right to live free from fear.

This bill would do nothing to stop those who obtain firearms illegally or with malicious intent. Instead, it punishes the responsible, law-abiding individuals many of whom, like me, are simply trying to ensure their own safety in an uncertain world.

I respectfully ask this committee to reject SB 429 and to consider the real-life implications it would have especially for women who depend on their right to protect themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Melissa Hill