

Hello

My name is Gavin Alger, I was born and live in Rutland and I am a Vermont firearm enthusiasts. I want to give a short testimony express my opinion on the bill proposed, S. 169, and firearm legislation as a whole in Vermont.

Magazine capacity restrictions has been shown to do nothing, just nothing, other than create criminals out of ordinary people by arbitrarily making inanimate objects illegal to possession or sell. There is just no reasons for this law to exist, unless the state is willing to admit that the disarmament if the people is it's end goal.

The proposed waiting period on firearm perchances is not only a slap to the face for people interested in firearm but also shows how little people actually care about suicide prevention. Some quick research will show that waiting periods will not stop a person from killing themselves. If the state really cared about suicide prevention, they would seek to prevent suicide by defeating the causes. A person will not shoot themself just because they have a gun in their hand, a person seeking suicides is someone who due to outside influence has lost their will to live. A firearm is not responsible for that, neither are firearms owners. Help those who need help, don't punish those who have nothing to do with what action another commits. It is extremely sad to see those who claim to want to help people be so unwilling to actually help and just write laws punishing others. I urge that more be done to actually prevent suicide and get people the help they need!

Vermont used to be looked kindly upon for its firearm laws. Constitutional Carry, no restrictions on magazines and no waiting periods gave people a reason to stay in and come to Vermont. Vermont has a huge problem of keeping younger people in, yet has done more to drive people out then give them reason to stay. I've spoken to several individuals who have stated that they would leave Vermont if more gun laws were to pass in Vermont. While my sample size may be small I am confident that there are many which share this mindset. Other states, cities, and counties across the US have made themselves "Second Amendment Sanctuaries". If the state doesn't wish to see it's population drop in number from a mass exodus, I would recommend that any and all firearms legislature be thought over with Vermonters in mind.

That is all. Thank you for your time.