

**Speaker Notes 3/12/2019 Presentation To Senate Judiciary
Committee Hearing Regarding S.22 – Waiting Period For
Firearm Transfer and Firearm Storage Requirements**

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I ask this committee not to pursue further consideration for the proposed requirements of S.22

- A burgeoning liberal/Progressive ideology is attempting to reduce our constitutional 2nd amendment rights to the level of **a “privilege” versus a “right”**. **This should set off alarm bells in every citizens mind.**
- **Every time there is a “single” incident involving a firearm it seems to incentivize legislators to punish all gun owners by enacting that “one more gun law”!**
- Firearm ownership is treated as a pariah and not with the respect afforded by our 2nd amendment.
- Anti-gun groups in Vermont say that the 2nd amendment needs to be repealed, or brought into the 21st century, as it is no longer relevant.
- **A single incident** in 2018 **is the impetus for the bill’s sponsors to implement a waiting period** on all firearm purchases.
 - ❖ A **single incident** does not achieve the formidable benchmark for **controlling all other citizens for one person’s misdeeds or indiscretions.**
- There were 41,550 completed firearm transfers in 2018. **99.9976%** of all transactions **would not have benefited** from the proposed **“waiting period”**
- CDC, Johns Hopkins, and others have declared that there is **no “conclusive” evidence that waiting periods reduce suicides** or crime.
- **Legislators need to step up and deal with the undisputed systemic causes of suicides;** illicit drugs, opioids, mental illness, social media, domestic violence, bullying, etc.
- **Guns don’t precipitate people to commit suicide**
- **The storage provisions of this bill are in direct conflict** with the SCOTUS ruling in *Heller*. The Court **struck down as unconstitutional** a requirement that **all firearms, including rifles and shotguns be kept “unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock”**.
 - The court ruled that to lock up firearms inherently inhibits immediate access for self-defense.
- **The storage requirement of (S.22) would be unenforceable**