

House Judiciary Committee,

Please enter the following into committee, as my opposition to S.169

As a resident who has lived in Vermont for over sixty-seven year and I have seen all sorts of bills coming out of Montpelier, some

I didn't agree with but felt our Legislators used common sense and I could see both sides of a debate with a sound and real value in

the decisions being made, this is no longer the case.

It wasn't until an agenda for gun control surfaced within the State, a State that is one of the safest in the Nation. That's when I started

my travels from Burlington to Montpelier, to voice my opposition starting with " Burlington's " useless charter changes due to the inept

way the city was being run by its current Administration and not knowing how to deal with big city crimes with these perpetrators who

ventured north from (NY, MA, CT, NJ) dealing, drugs, criminals with guns that came to town !!. So they decided they wanted to change

my way of life due to a few criminals, by reinventing the wheel and not dealing with these perpetrators.

Being a gun owner from a child and all of my adult life, I started really seeing an agenda and the way the bills were being written with

no real data, just " talking points " feel good positions being pushed and promoted.....shameful !!

My opposition to S.169 as it's being considered.

The 24 hour wait period, as its being pushed as a " **cool off** " period, will only delay the inevitable !! When someone with a mental health issue and has the intent, it's inevitable things like suicide or other crimes will happen and that's what this committee should be addressing not a "**gun issue**". But then again, it's just another agenda driven bill with " talking points" to appease a legislator from Chittenden County it's an easy way out by not solving a real and tragic problem, disgusting.

I have dealt with two suicides in my life, one a relative and the other a family friend, we never knew what was in their minds, neither did the professionals. So that's why the "**24 hr wait**" will only delay the inevitable. They endure most of their lives, dealing with the demons from within, and this bill will do nothing to stop that, pitiful !! But it will restrict law-abiding Citizens, for NO reason other than an agenda !!

Please stop this nonsense, fix the real problem within the State, help those that need help. Those with mental health issues that you've turned your backs long enough.

Thank You

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