

Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for S169. I am aware that this bill faces an uphill battle from the governor. But we only have to look to other countries, like New Zealand, to see why this type of legislation will save lives (and I believe a 24 hour waiting period does not go far enough).

I know that the second amendment guarantees gun ownership as a right in this country, not a privilege. Just look at how many folks suffer from lack of affordable health care and you'll understand the difference between "right" and "privilege", sad as it is. But what is the actual harm that comes to the purchaser of a gun who needs to wait a day or two for their purchase to be approved and processed? On the other hand, how many lives may be saved by a simple 24-48 hour wait? Why are we willing to err on the side of guns over people's lives?

The government of New Zealand has taken the bold, rational steps of addressing a crisis swiftly and decisively, one that even many of their [gun owners agree with](#). Even [Russia has stricter gun laws than we do in the US](#).

Profits and gun ownership rights have claimed our youth, the poor and marginalised, the suicidal and mentally ill in our country. And yet, we continue to tiptoe around the ire that is drawn from NRA backers and gun rights activists.

Waiting periods on gun purchases can *only* do good, and will NOT negatively harm or impact anyone. This is a no-brainer.

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