

Hello,

I am writing to the members of the House Judiciary Committee to express my opposition to S.169.

Waiting periods for firearms purchases are in direct contravention to Article 16 of the Vermont State Constitution. Such laws are an impediment to the citizens' ability to exercise their rights to self defense.

Please consider the case of Carol Browne, a New Jersey woman who was stabbed to death by her violent ex-boyfriend in 2015 while waiting over a month for state police approve her purchase of a handgun.

The possibility of such laws saving a life is theoretical at best, but the possibility of an innocent person dying as a result of such laws is very real.

Thank you,
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