

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

15 years ago my girlfriend helped put a child molester in prison. 3 weeks ago she received a phone call saying that he had been released early on parole. If S.169 had been law, she would have had to wait 24 hours to purchase a pistol in order to exercise her right to self-defense - plenty of time for this person to act if revenge was on his mind.

Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution is explicit in its wording: "That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state". A delay of that right, even by just 24 hours, is in effect a denial of that right. This goes against the founding document of this state. I hope that you will take S.169 off the table and continue to preserve the right to self defense of myself, my girlfriend and everyone in this state.

Thank you for your time.

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