

Hello Rep. Grad,

I hope that this finds you well. I wanted to send a brief follow up email to you regarding a question you asked yesterday during my testimony on the waiting periods bill. While we have historically supported a 72-hour waiting period - and still do - there is no data that we can find specific to domestic violence homicides that indicates an appreciable difference between 24 hours and 72. What is abundantly clear is that firearms simply being present in the home increase the risk of death for victims of domestic violence exponentially. Any mechanisms that keep firearms out of violent homes – for however long - will be of benefit to survivors. I also wanted to note that the data we have about the risk to victims from firearms makes no distinction between hand guns and long guns.

Please feel free to share this email, if that is helpful to your deliberations.

Best regards,

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