

**House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs**

**04/29/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**SB25-034 Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Brenda Burkett Against themselves	I am against extending this, as many, if not most disabled Colorado citizens are Social Security recipients, and on Medicaid. thank you
Robert Edmiston Against The Firearms Coalition of Colorado	Testimony in opposition to: SB25-034 CO Voluntary Do Not Sell Act  The Firearms Coalition of Colorado  Thank you, Chair and Committee  My name is Robert Edmiston. I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA-affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.  I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.  I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration. We believe this bill is a solution in search of a problem. Colorado already has a three-day waiting period to purchase a firearm that more than covers the impulsive decision argument listed as a rationale for this measure.  According to the Fiscal Note, implementation of the bill would cost about \$235,000, including the cost of portal development and project management costs over the next two fiscal years. We believe this money could be better spent funding victims' advocacy programs, which we believe are likely to be underfunded for the immediate future.  We urge a "No" vote on this bill.  Thank you.

	<p>Robert Edmiston                  Volunteer Lobbyist                  The Firearms Coalition of Colorado                  PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454</p>
<p>Leif Sigstedt                  Against                  themselves</p>	<p>Since I now know our legislators aren't paying any attention to our testimony I'll keep it short. This bill is dumb and it's a waste of money. It will probably be used to coerce people into putting their names on the list and will become impossible to remove a name once it's entered (NICS will make sure of that immediately, no matter what the intentions here were). Please join me in opposition to this terrible bill.</p>
<p>Kathy Hagen                  For                  themselves</p>	<p>My name is Kathy Hagen, and I'm from Erie. The reason I wanted to submit testimony in support of SB25-034, Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver, is because I believe if this law had been in effect years ago my friend's dad would still be alive today.</p> <p>My friend's father struggled with depression. When he took his medication, he was okay. The family was always worried about him, though. They took precautions to keep potential instruments he could use for suicide away from him. Sadly, one week he decided to stop taking his medication. He spiraled downhill pretty quickly.</p> <p>One day that week, when the family was out of the house, he went and bought a small 22 caliber pistol. He brought it home and was sitting with it on the table in front of him when my friend's teenage sister came home. She saw the gun and was irate. She screamed at her father and ran upstairs to her bedroom. He followed her upstairs and knocked on her door, apologizing and asking her to come out. She did not.</p> <p>Then she heard the shot. She called 911. The police had her exit the house through a window. The SWAT team came but did not enter the house for hours. When they finally did, they found my friend's father dead in the bathroom. He had shot himself in the stomach. He had bled to death. The family does not believe he truly wanted to die. This was a cry for help.</p> <p>The family never fully recovered from this incident. If their dad could have put himself on a do-not-sell list before this crisis occurred, I'm fairly certain he would have.</p> <p>You may hear from opponents that if someone wants to kill himself, he will do it with or without a gun. The data shows, however that across all suicide attempts without a gun, only 4% result in death. While 90% of suicide attempts with a firearm result in death. Once you pull the trigger, there is no turning back, no second chance. And second chances matter. A majority of those who survive the first attempt do not try again.</p> <p>I'm hopeful that you will pass this bill. I do believe it can make a dent in our high gun suicide rate in this state.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

	Kathy Hagen 303-257-7333
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**RE: SB25-034 the Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver**

Dear Distinguished Members of the House State, Military and Veterans Affairs committee,

SB25-034 the Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver is an incredibly important bill to support, and I respectfully ask for your “yes” vote in moving it forward.

This bill creates a voluntary, temporary database for people going through a mental health crisis to put their name on the list so they cannot buy a firearm. I am thrilled this made it through the Senate and I trust the House State, Military and Veterans Affairs committee will support it as well. Thank you for backing this important bill.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wilson

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