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HB23-1219 Waiting Period To Deliver A Firearm

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Noah Shurz For themselves	<p>Hello! My Name is Noah Shurz and I was at the Capitol on Friday during the East High School Walkout. I was lucky enough to talk to a few of you and want to say that I don't feel safe at school anymore. Bills like this one that would make it harder to get a gun and make me feel safer. This bill while not explicitly for suicide prevention would also decrease the number of suicides among young adults as just a few days could mean the difference between life and death. For those who would like to argue that this bill infringes against second amendment rights, it doesn't, as access just takes 3 days longer to get a gun, and would prevent suicides and unnecessary deaths. Thank you, especially to Representatives Froelich and Amabile, as well as Senators Sullivan and Hansen for making this bill a possibility.</p>
Jeffrey Rash Against themselves	<p>I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the proposed 3-day waiting period for the purchase of firearms in Colorado. As a citizen of Colorado, I believe that such a measure is unconstitutional and would do more harm than good.</p> <p>First and foremost, a 3-day waiting period would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The right to bear arms is enshrined in the Constitution as a fundamental right, and any attempt to limit that right must be carefully scrutinized to ensure that it does not unduly burden the exercise of that right. The proposed waiting period does just that, by making it more difficult for people to exercise their right to self-defense and to protect their families and property.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is little evidence to suggest that a waiting period would have any meaningful impact on public safety. In fact, studies have shown that waiting periods are unlikely to deter criminals from obtaining firearms illegally or from committing violent crimes. Instead, waiting periods primarily inconvenience law-abiding citizens who are seeking to exercise their Second Amendment rights.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed waiting period would impose a significant burden on gun dealers and retailers. They would be forced to hold onto firearms</p>

	<p>for three days, tying up valuable inventory and potentially harming their ability to do business. This burden would be particularly severe for smaller retailers and gun dealers who may not have the resources to absorb the cost of holding onto firearms for an extended period.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote against the proposed 3-day waiting period for the purchase of firearms in Colorado. This measure is unconstitutional, ineffective, and would impose an undue burden on law-abiding citizens and gun dealers alike. Instead, we should focus our efforts on addressing the root causes of gun violence and on enforcing the laws that are already in place to keep our communities safe.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter.</p>
<p>Steve Deaver Against himself</p>	<p>I am the owner of a small sporting goods store in Holyoke, CO, a town on the eastern plains. Gun shows and people traveling through the town (especially during hunting season) make up a major portion of our business. The majority of these customers would be severely inconvenienced if they were required to return three days later to complete the transaction, most would probably abandon the purchase. Gun show vendors are less than 50 percent firearms, the rest sell anything from candy to jerky and candles to jewelry. Some vendors attend gun shows for their lively hood, others use it to supplement retirement. A waiting period could possibly end gun shows creating a financial hardship for many. I do not believe a waiting period would have an effect on suicide or mass murder rates. I know people who have taken their own lives, jumping from a grain elevator, hanging with a rope, necktie or extension cord, starting a car in the garage, even dressing in black and sitting on railroad tracks at night, and yes, some use a firearm. My Granddaughter walked out on a bridge and jumped. The one thing they all had in common, they decided life wasn't worth living and then chose how to end it. SUICIDE IS NOT ABOUT GUN CONTROL, IT IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPRESSION if you are talking about gun control you are avoiding the real issue! Mass murder events are on average planned for a minimum of three months. Columbine was planned for over a year, waiting periods have no meaning to somebody who is not working on a time frame, they just want to get it right (whatever that means)</p> <p>Please consider my opinion and stand against the three day waiting period.</p> <p>Steven J Deaver</p>
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<p>Jon-Michael Willert</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Waiting periods infringe on the rights of law abiding gun owners. Waiting periods are arbitrary impositions with no effect on crime or suicide, introduce no additional investigative avenues, and only burden law-abiding gun owners without changing how or when criminals obtain firearms. Waiting periods do not change the background check process; no additional investigative measures are taken no matter how long of a waiting period is imposed. Most background checks are resolved instantly, but investigations can currently last up to 90 days. There is no evidence that waiting periods reduce suicides, homicides, or mass shootings. No studies that identify causal effects have been identified by any of the independent literature reviews conducted since 2004. Recent research that purports to find that waiting periods reduce firearms-related deaths is fundamentally flawed, as it also finds that background checks increase gun homicides and that poverty is associated with a decrease in homicides.[1]</p> <p>The average time-to-crime for firearms traced by the BATFE in 2018 was nearly nine years, so the idea that guns are often used in crimes of passion or impulsive actions right after purchase is not supported by anything other than anecdotal evidence. Criminals will not be affected by waiting periods. Most state inmates who were in possession of a firearm at the time of their arrest obtained the firearm through an illegal source or from a friend or family member. These are facts.</p>

<p>Laurel Burns For themselves</p>	<p>The idea that there is a necessity to purchase a firearm on-the-spot should be a Red Flag in itself.</p> <p>Ownership of a lethal weapon should be thoughtfully considered and not rushed into under stress or duress. The institution of a waiting period is a reasonable action that could mitigated the possibility of the weapon being used to harm another or oneself.</p> <p>Let's do everything we can to reduce the never-ending gun violence and hopefully save some lives.</p> <p>I request that the members of this committee VOTE YES on this bill.</p> <p>Thank you to the sponsors for putting this bill forward.</p>
<p>Debra Tomim Against themselves</p>	<p>Guns are not the problem. Yet, here comes the "three day waiting period" for gun ownership. A law to restrict lawful and moral citizens human rights to protect themselves.</p> <p>Colorado has endured politicians who do not understand some of the basic principles of the United States Constitution. Perhaps, more accurately, those same politicians do not care about complying with it. Stand down your phony concerns of gun ownership and legalities. The more you pursue petty these laws the more you push the criminals into harming others humans and other properties. That makes you culpable.</p> <p>Any and all fire arm legislation removing or restricting law abiding citizens' rights to defend, is antithetical to human rights and the Constitution. Furthermore it is immoral. A limited government is one that recognizes jurisdictional lines and understands what belongs to government and what does not. The Colorado legislators try to befuddle citizens with the slogan "general welfare," however, that is grossly insincere. The Colorado legislators only seek power over its citizens; power which does not belong to it.</p> <p>Law makers have a duty act upon the best principles of public service, not as kings and queens. I ask lawmakers to do the right thing and stand down any and all illegal and unconstitutional laws that restrict any citizen from self-protection and therefore from thriving in their lives.</p>

	<p>We do not live in a perfect world as demonstrated every day in the current world run by "elected" thieves who would steal our rights and expect us to comply.</p> <p>What part of "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed" do you not understand? If you vote to curb inalienable rights to law-abiding citizens you are on the wrong side of the Constitution and God.</p> <p>Stop the unreasonable and flagrant disregard of human rights. The restrictive gun laws are excessive and unnecessary.</p> <p>Stand down.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Debra Tomim</p>
<p>Jack Sosebee Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill is a direct assault on the freedoms and rights specifically protected by both the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions. There is no proof that any of the measures in this bill are effective in reducing crime; instead, they promote increased lawlessness by driving previously lawful commerce in arms underground and increasing illegal procurement of firearms. Existing laws are more than adequate to address the problem of criminal use of firearms, especially if they would actually be enforced. The true causes of the rise in violence, regardless of the weapons used, lie in the societal effects of draconian and dubiously effective government-imposed isolation and economic destruction over the last three years, as well as the deliberate refusal of law enforcement officials to prosecute and incarcerate violent criminals. Society would be much better served by demonstrating that committing crimes results in unpleasant consequences, and promoting the "general welfare" by reducing governmental interference in the lives and livelihoods of law-abiding citizens.</p>
<p>Eric Jeffery Against themselves</p>	<p>Vote NO on HB23-1219</p> <p>"Shall Not Be Infringed" - Waiting periods infringe on law abiding citizens right to self defense. Women die waiting for guns in protection against ex-boyfriends and estranged husbands.</p> <p>This bill is anti-woman and as the father of 3 daughters I strongly oppose this bill. G-d forbid that Colorado pass this bill and create another Carol</p>

	<p>Browne of New Jersey (https://fox17.com/news/local/woman-killed-while-waiting-for-gun-permit-for-protection).</p> <p>Gun laws do nothing other than harm honest citizens. The Columbine murderers violated 18 gun laws, there is no 19th law that will stop a single crime or suicide. While gun laws do great with virtue signaling, more guns equal less crime as statistically proven over and over again for nearly 30 years by John Lott.</p> <p>Vote NO on HB23-1219</p>
<p>Diana Bara Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose HB23-1219 because history proves that gun control does not save lives. It leaves the law-abiding citizens vulnerable and defenseless against a criminal environment, such as the one that our state legislators have created. It also leaves them defenseless against a government that is prone to oppress people, an occurrence that is increasing in our country. I would prefer that our legislators pass bills that are tough on crime, keep criminals off the streets, and not for more gun control for its law-abiding citizens.</p> <p>Last year the 73rd General Assembly introduced 657 bills between the months of January and May. None of them did anything to make our cities safer. Violent crime in Colorado is at a 25 year high with murder on the rise. Cars are stolen from our driveways. Homeless occupy our parks and tents are starting to line our streets. We have 266 registered sex offenders residing in Longmont where I live. Also, on the rise is aggravated assault, larceny theft and the Sinaloa Cartel with their Fentanyl business. With the current criminal environment, the lack of concern for its citizens well-being, more gun control will make us more vulnerable. The criminal will not obey the laws and will hit soft targets where there is gun control. When the government no longer protects us, we need to protect ourselves.</p> <p>It is obvious to me that with the types of legislation introduced and passed by the “group think” Democratic majority that they have an agenda. Bills for more gun control and against free markets and property ownership, that give power to the state and take it away from the people, reek of a communist socialist movement in Colorado.</p> <p>In 1935, Communist China established gun control and 50 million political dissidents were arrested and killed. In 1938, Hitler used gun control to render the Jewish population defenseless sending them to concentration camps. In 1970, Uganda established gun control and from 1970-1979, 300,000 Christians were killed by the dictatorial government. These are not the only examples, and now Colorado is leading the nation with a socialist agenda, with laws that gnaw away at our Bill of Rights. Stop the agenda and start working for the benefit of the people and not the state.</p>

<p>Scott Plys</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Right's delayed ate rights denied.</p>
<p>Charles McClung</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am a young America, currently enlisted in the US Army, and I strongly oppose mandatory waiting periods on firearms purchases. There is no correlation between mandatory waiting periods and reduction in violent crime, or even a reduction in gun violence.</p> <p>All we need to do is look to every state that already has such waiting periods and we can see that they have not had any effect on crime. They do not stop mass shootings, they do not keep criminals from buying guns, and they do not work as "cooling off periods" for people that wish to do harm to themselves or others.</p> <p>The only people this law would effect are the law abiding Americans and Coloradans that are trying to practice their God given right to self preservation and self defense as confirmed in the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. Not only that this will absolutely have a severely negative effect on minorities in our state and people with lower income, as this now forces individuals to take two dedicated trips to the FFL inorder to purchase their firearm for self defense or any lawful purpose. Criminals do not follow laws, how can we expect them to follow this law?</p> <p>Lastly how can we justify such an over reach of government on a constitutionally protected right? We do not have any such limitations on the 1st Amendment, or the 4th Amendment, or any other right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. There is no 3 day waiting period to prevent online predators from posting threatening and unlawful speech inciting violence and self harm. There is no 3 day waiting period for Coloradans to practice their religion. The 2nd Amendment is no less of a right that the other 9 in the bill of rights.</p> <p>This law does nothing to solve the problems of mental health in this country, it is redundant as criminals don't follow laws, and has shown in other states that it does not lower violent crime, gun violence, or mass shootings. This law is unconstitutional and adds no benefits to the quality of life for Coloradans. Please listen to your constituents and do not pass</p>

	<p>this law. If this law passes I will be sure to pull my support from the members of our legislative body that voted for it.</p>
<p>Carol Callicotte-Belmon For themselves</p>	<p>I thank you for introducing this bill and I strongly support it. Colorado has made great progress in gun violence prevention, but we must continue to put into place strong, evidence-based laws that will continue to add layers of protection along with those that already exist. Waiting periods have been shown to reduce suicides by up to 11% and a recent study showed that waiting periods reduce homicide by up to 17%. I still remember when several hundred thousand students across Colorado, including my own, were denied their right to education because schools were forced to close down when a woman from Florida who had threatened a Columbine-like attack on Colorado schools flew into CO and was able to purchase and take possession of a firearm within hours of her arrival here.</p> <p>Good gun laws work, we have all the evidence we need for this. I know you will be hearing from a number of people who will try to deny this or skew reality. As you already are aware, there is a small but vocal minority in our community for whom no gun violence prevention law will ever be acceptable. Despite the impact on public health and lives. Despite the collective trauma we face as a nation. Despite the fact that other countries in the world point to us as a cautionary tale on how NOT to handle gun violence, how disturbing our gun culture is, and even warn their residents to avoid travel to our country due to rampant gun violence. It will likely be a long hearing, which is why I choose to submit written testimony vs. in-person, though I do plan to be in the committee hearing room to show my support for this law.</p> <p>It's also important to recognize that this is a long road - because of the number of guns in circulation, putting laws in place now means it may take several years to see the impact. All the more reason to do as much as we can now, to save as many lives as possible. I thank you for taking this chance to introduce strong, good laws, now, without delay.</p> <p>I appreciate that Colorado legislators are bravely taking on this public health crisis. Thank you for your work, you have my strong support.</p>
<p>Shana Rich Against themselves</p>	<p>March 5th, 2023</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to HB23-1219, SB23-170, SB23-168, SB23-169 and HB23-1230. I don't even know where to begin on the state and federal unconstitutionality of these bills. I'm somewhat glad that Covid has exposed the stripes and colors of our Politicians, showing them for what</p>

they really are. Totalitarian Authoritarians who are in violation of their Oaths of Office with the above legislation.

We know already that these bills will do nothing to curb gun crimes. Look to areas with strict gun restrictive laws like LA, Chicago, Baltimore, NYC... Gosh. Criminals aren't supposed to have guns! The only thing these laws do is tie the hands of us law abiding citizens who just want to protect ourselves and have a nice day at the range. We also know from history (look to any Communist/Socialist regime) what happens when the populace is disarmed. Our founding fathers knew this, hence the 2nd Amendment.

In addition to disarming the law abiding, those in support of this bill need to look ahead to the damage this will cause countless people. Gun shops and ranges will go out of business, this will put God knows how many individuals out of work. The law abiding will no longer have the option to defend themselves with a gun when faced with life threatening violence. But hey, I guess it's a small sacrifice for 'the greater good', right?

Instead of trampling upon our rights, how about we treat criminals more harshly? The defund the police crowd have hamstrung law enforcement. Bail has been reduced. Police aren't allowed to do their jobs, so criminals are in a revolving door committing more crimes.

By the same logic Democrats are using, guns are bad, therefore must be banned. Here's a partial list of other tools and activities that should be banned because they are dangerous. We no longer blame the criminal or user, but the tool, so here we go!

- Automobiles
- Knives
- Hammers
- Sledgehammers
- Axes/Hatchets
- Screwdrivers
- Chainsaws
- Sugar

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol • Tobacco • Illegal Aliens • Fentanyl / Heroin / Cocaine • Unprotected Sex <p>Sound ridiculous? You bet. As ridiculous as believing that a gun ban will keep citizens safe.</p> <p>Sincerely in Opposition,</p> <p>Shana Rich Colorado Springs, CO</p>
<p>Christopher Coghlan Against themselves</p>	<p>I would like to start off saying I love Colorado and love the United States. Freedom means more than anything to me what you are doing violates my constitutional civil rights, a right delayed is a right denied; and this only affords more rights to criminals. The Buren decision stated that if the law is not founded in the nation's history, text and tradition that it is unconstitutional and I can't think of any law that was around during the time of the writing of the Constitution that stated people needed to wait any time period to exercise their constitutional right. So judging by this recent supreme Court decision and the text that was enshrined to protect us from the government, you are stepping out of line and subjugating your people to tyranny.</p>
<p>Peter Maher Against themselves</p>	<p>I am opposed to HB23-1219. I am a Colorado resident. Crime continues to rise in Colorado due to poor public policy. I've lived in Colorado for over 25 years and this is the first time I've been afraid to take a walk at night in my own neighborhood. My friends and neighbors have had their cars broken into, bicycles stolen, been physically assaulted, and harassed by the homeless living on our streets. Reoffenders are being let out of jail with only a slap on the wrist. Fentanyl continues flood our state due to open borders and Americans are dying! This did not occur in a vacuum. This is the result of poor public policy. And if this law passes it will make it even harder for law abiding citizens to protect themselves. There is absolutely no reason why, a law-abiding citizen who has passed a background check should be delayed in obtaining a firearm. I've worked with women in domestic abuse situations and when restraining orders do not work, and when many times they do not, that three day waiting period can be the</p>

	<p>difference between life or death. So please, I ask you to oppose this bill. People's lives depend on it.</p>
<p>Andreas Heilemann Against themselves</p>	<p>While this would make some sense for first time gun buyers, it's only an infringement for existing gun owners and especially those with a carry license, which already took weeks (and extended background checks, fingerprints and so on) to get the permit for.</p>
<p>Craig Bauer Against themselves</p>	<p>To the persons of assembly. It's been a while since anybody took the constitution seriously. Not just the second amendment, but any constitutional rights. It seems that person's believing themselves righteous have decided they have authority to enact decree above constitutional limits. Redundantly and notoriously. This is just another ball in the Bucket of unconstitutional activities of a Corrupt organization masquerading as government. After all, my position of your illegitimacy is obvious in your redundant application of force against the common people in your unconstitutional decrees masquerading as law. You do not have the constitutional authority to infringe on weapon ownership period. And that fact is a matter of national security. Stop while you can.</p>
<p>Scott Russell Against themselves</p>	<p>ANY violation of my constitutional rights will be met with a Law Suit, financial boycott AND constant campaigns to educate the public to these crimes against EVERYONES God given rights. The Laws of this country will overpower you and all your constituents who violate the 2nd amendment. Do not underestimate the backlash of your agenda to control the masses with your cohorts... because the sovereign masses outnumber you. Understand that all communication is available for "discovery" in the face of treason through the "Patriot Act". Act according to the laws of the land and the will of the people you serve or you will be prosecuted through military tribunals.</p>
<p>Kristen Bara Against themselves</p>	<p>I am opposed to HB23-1219. I am a Colorado resident. Crime continues to rise in Colorado due to poor public policy. I've lived in Colorado for over 25 years and this is the first time I've been afraid to take a walk at night in my own neighborhood. My friends and neighbors have had their cars broken into, bicycles stolen, been physically assaulted, and harassed by the homeless living on our streets. Reoffenders are being let out of jail with only a slap on the wrist. Fentanyl continues to flood our state due to open borders and Americans are dying! This did not occur in a vacuum. This is the result of poor public policy. And if this law passes it will make it even harder for law-abiding citizens to protect themselves. There is absolutely no reason why, a law-abiding citizen who has passed a background check should be delayed in obtaining a firearm. I've worked with women in domestic abuse situations and when restraining orders do not work, and</p>

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<p>Joy Davidson Against themselves</p>	<p>This bill, like most "gun control", bills is, at best, a warm, useless fuzzy for those sponsoring, supporting, and voting for this bill. Why?</p> <p>Let's start with the obvious. Why do we need to and think it is effective to control an inanimate object that is as lazy as the dirty dishes that I clean out of my sink? The dishes have never jumped into the dishwasher of their own volition and my gun has never fired itself, so the obvious conclusion is that I am accountable for my gun and the criminal is accountable for their actions if they fire a gun.</p> <p>Finally, this bill would create 3 day waiting period for which there is no statistical evidence indicating any reduction in gun related crimes as well as putting people in danger, such as a woman coming out of an abusive relationship, that desire to purchase said weapon to defend themselves.</p> <p>Again, I respectfully, and as patiently as I can manage to be, request that you vote against this useless, paper-wasting, "gun control" bill that does not control, nor can it control, an inanimate object that is a slave of the person operating it.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>Chris Lumazar Against themselves</p>	<p>Former California resident, USMC Vet, and security professional here to express a STRONG opposition to HB23-1219. Please vote NO!</p> <p>The text of HB23-1219 cites various data points in regards to firearm safety, and homicide/suicide prevention, as justification for infringement on constitutional rights.</p> <p>While the numbers cited are troubling, the solution presented still fails to holistically address the issue of homicide/suicide in the state of Colorado. Would you also consider limiting speech protected under the first amendment, in the name of reducing suicide deaths? What do you say to the suicides that aren't a result of use of a firearm? If waiting periods are intended to allow for a 'cool down period' to curb homicide/suicide, what does this mean for folks who already own firearms and other weapons? What does a cool down period for a gun purchase mean for those who are</p>

	<p>already credentialed to carry concealed self preservation tools via the local sheriff's office? Why wouldn't these folks be exempt? Where is the logic in assuming these individuals wouldn't simply utilize the firearms they already own? Simply put, HB23-1219 does not solve for these instances, yet further violates the rights of the people.</p> <p>HB23-1219 is just another example of safety theater that continues to set a dangerous precedent in regards to the infringement of constitutional rights, and further burdens law abiding citizens who represent the majority of Coloradans.</p> <p>I instead urge you to seek productive opportunities to bridge the gap in conversation with responsible, law abiding gun owners, as opposed to continuously pushing forth legislation which burdens and vilifies good people.</p>
<p>Tiffany Taylor Against themselves</p>	<p>I understand this bill has been introduced because government representatives claim that waiting periods reduce mass shootings or homicide . Studies claim that handgun waiting periods reduce total gun homicide by 17%. If this is true, then in states that do not have waiting periods, about 17% (or in 1 in 6) of all gun homicides are perpetrated with a handgun what was purchased just a few days before the homicide. If this were true, then the bill's proponents should be able to list hundreds of examples of recent Colorado homicides in which a person went to a gun store, passed a background check, bought a gun, and murdered someone within a few days. according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, fewer only about 10% of crime guns in Colorado were acquired within three months of the crime. Thus, it is implausible that 17% of gun homicides are perpetrated with handguns purchased just a few days before a premeditated murder. The same studies do not distinguish offensive, criminal homicide from defensive, justifiable homicide. Thus, we do not know how much of any homicide reduction was because victims were denied the means to defend themselves against attackers such as stalkers. Also i would like to bring to your attention we have a right to a well regulated Militia, within the second amendment. These waiting periods clearly violate that right.</p> <p>the bill seems to be more focused on a war on our second amendment than they do on reducing homicide rates.</p> <p>https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1619896114</p>

<p>Jenny Guenther For themselves</p>	<p>Chair Woodrow and members of the Committee - thank you for hearing this bill today.</p> <p>I am here to urge you to vote Yes on HB 23-1219</p> <p>I would like to tell you the story of my friend Lindsay.</p> <p>I wish I had more than a few minutes to share what an incredible friend she was, but I will do my best.</p> <p>Lindsay had a smile that lit up the room. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister and beloved teacher in the community. She was everyone's best friend. She was the person you went to for advice, for a hug and especially if you needed a laugh. Lindsay radiated energy that made people want to be near her. She was a true gift to this world!</p> <p>Like many, Lindsay had episodes of depression and anxiety throughout her adult life. She sought treatment through various means including therapists, doctors and medication. In the Fall of 2021 Lindsay was going through a rough spot that caused her depression and anxiety to worsen. Her loved ones noticed a change and reached out to her. Lindsay agreed to see her psychologist and had recently refilled her prescription for medication. She showed signs that things would improve.</p> <p>One Fall morning Lindsay had a difficult day. She took the day off from work. She dropped her kids off at school and left the house to run errands. While she was out, she drove to a local gun store and purchased a gun. Within the hour, she used that gun to end her life.</p> <p>No one is able to ask Lindsay what led her to purchase the gun that day. She had never owned a gun before and had no guns in her home. She had a strong support system, a loving family, devoted friends and access to mental health support. AND what she also had was immediate access to a gun.</p> <p>A gun allows for no second thoughts, no second chances. No breathing room to lean into support systems. Having access to a gun triples your risk of dying by suicide.</p>
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	<p>I am confident that if there was a waiting period law in Colorado in 2021, Lindsay would be alive today. The immediate access to a gun led to a permanent solution for temporary hardships. This bill WILL save lives. Lindsay's children would still have their mother if she had been provided a waiting period before gaining access to a gun. The loss of Lindsay is felt every single day by everyone who knew and loved her.</p> <p>Please vote Yes on this bill. Your vote will save countless lives.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Lynn Hilfers Against themselves</p>	<p>Representatives:</p> <p>I strongly oppose proposed bill HB23-1219,</p> <p>"Waiting Period To Deliver Firearms." This bill is unconstitutional. It hinders the ability women to protect themselves. If a women is in an abusive relationship and wishes to protect herself and children, this would hinder her ability to do so.</p> <p>Vote NO on bill HB23-1219.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Mrs. Lynn Hilfers</p>
<p>Ronnie Broyles Against themselves</p>	<p>I'm asking you to vote against HB23-1219. This bill is based on lies. The sponsors have spread disinformation by claiming that there were more firearms deaths in Colorado between 2014-2019 than those of motor vehicle crashes, opioid overdoses, colon cancer and HIV combined. This claim is by itself is a lie. In Colorado just between 2015-2019 there were approximately 4,840 overdose deaths.</p> <p>Fatal motor vehicle accidents for 2014-2019 stand at 3,249 fatal traffic accidents. That's not how many people died—that's just FATAL accidents. For a combined grand total of at least 8089 deaths between 2014-2019. I won't even address the HIV or Colon Cancer deaths that you laid claim to, and what they have to do with restricting firearm ownership in Colorado just escapes me.</p>

	<p>It seems to me given how many fatal traffic crashes occur in Colorado every year that you'd be interested in a 3 day waiting period to buy a car or maybe a 3 day waiting period to purchase alcohol or marijuana...</p> <p>In addition to the fear based lies that you are spreading in an attempt to restrict firearm ownership, you conveniently forget that criminals do not abide by nor do they care what laws that are passed. That is why they are called CRIMINALS. You also fail to even address the root cause of suicide, which is a mental health issue.</p> <p>This bill only affects single parents who live alone. This affects victims, it affects absolutely everyone EXCEPT CRIMINALS. We should be more interested in funding and expanding mental health access, and enforcing properly issued risk protection orders.</p> <p>This bill will not stop suicides in Colorado. I ask you to vote no on HB23-1219.</p>
<p>Travis Couture-Lovelady Against National Rifle Association</p>	<p>Waiting periods are arbitrary impositions with no effect on crime or suicide, introduce no additional investigative avenues, and only burden law-abiding gun owners without changing how or when criminals obtain firearms.</p> <p>Waiting periods do not change the background check process; no additional investigative measures are taken no matter how long of a waiting period is imposed. Most background checks are resolved instantly, but investigations can currently last up to 90 days.</p> <p>There is no evidence that waiting periods reduce suicides, homicides, or mass shootings. No studies that identify causal effects have been identified by any of the independent literature reviews conducted since 2004.</p> <p>Recent research that purports to find that waiting periods reduce firearms-related deaths is fundamentally flawed, as it also finds that background checks increase gun homicides and that poverty is associated with a decrease in homicides.</p>

	<p>The average time-to-crime for firearms traced by the BATFE in 2018 was nearly nine years, so the idea that guns are often used in crimes of passion or impulsive actions right after purchase is not supported by anything other than anecdotal evidence.</p> <p>Criminals will not be affected by waiting periods. Most state inmates who were in possession of a firearm at the time of their arrest obtained the firearm through an illegal source or from a friend or family member.</p> <p>There are few prosecutions of prohibited persons who attempt to buy a firearm from a dealer. Out of 112,090 total federal denials in 2017, there were 12 prosecutions.</p> <p>The waiting period mandated by the Brady Act of 1993 was only in effect until the National Instant Check System came online in 1998.</p> <p>Most gun-owners own more than one firearm and a waiting period could not possibly have an effect on those purchasing an additional firearm. First-time buyers seeking a firearm for self-defense would be affected by a waiting period that limits their ability to safeguard themselves and their loved ones.</p> <p>This bill is unconstitutional and will certainly be challenged in court. On behalf of our members in Colorado the National Rifle Association stands in opposition to this bill and any bill that will infringe upon the constitutional rights of law abiding Coloradans.</p>
<p>Aidan Duncan Against themselves</p>	<p>I oppose this bill because a right delayed is a right denied. The state has no authority to delay the right to keep and bear arms. The state has no authority to choose an arbitrary time for which to deny a person their right to keep and bear arms. If a right can not be exercised on demand then it is not a right at all. This bill seeks to relegate the rights of the people to privileges. The implication of this bill is that the Second Amendment is somehow of less importance than other rights enshrined in the Bill of Rights. The opposite is true. The right to keep and bear arms is of such great importance that it was listed second in the Bill of Rights. The rights enshrined in the Second Amendment can no more lawfully be delayed than any other right.</p>

<p>Russell Winkler</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>My wife and I teach a women's fundamentals of firearms course here in Colorado. Late last year a woman joined our class at the last minute, took the class, and bought a firearm from us the next day. She had just learned that her daughter's car was being tracked through an Apple Air Tag. Police told her that it's very common for kidnapping rings to place these trackers on vehicles of intended targets to learn their habits and identify places and times to conduct the kidnapping, typically in home driveways or work parking lots. This mother knew her daughter had been tracked and wanted to protect her. She was in a position to do so the very next day through training and the purchase of a firearm. If the proposed law passes, mandating a 3 day waiting period, women just like this will not be able to properly protect their families. I can't even imagine waiting 3 days knowing that a criminal kidnapping ring knows exactly where my daughter lives and works, and completely unable to protect my family. This is just one real example of how your policies will hurt law abiding citizens with families, and will do nothing to curb the real criminal threat that we face.</p>
<p>Salam Hindawi</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a concerned Colorado resident who has seen and heard people being assaulted and cars stolen, I oppose restricting gun access for law abiding citizens. We live at a time when life is being cheapened and mental health is showing signs of disaster, therefore placing a 3-day wait period to buy a gun places another burden on the part of potential victims and can literally mean life or death.</p> <p>Waiting periods do not reduce gun violence by any way, shape, or form, rather they make it harder for potential victims, especially women of color, to access their constitutional right of self-defense.</p> <p>I vehemently oppose HB23-1219</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Tarif Ahmed</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am vehemently opposed to HB23-1219. I am a Colorado resident who has seen this state change for the worse over the last 10 years. The degeneracy in the Denver metro area is astounding, in the worst way possible. Highest fentanyl deaths in the country, number one for car theft in the country, and consortium of tent cities that would make one pause and wonder if they were in California. Instead of focusing on using legislative attention and resources to address these pressing issues, Colorado's State Legislature is now turning it's attention to law abiding gun owners in order to infringe on our Constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights. Let's be clear - NONE of the laws including this bill will do anything to prevent gun violence. Criminals don't care about laws. The law specifically targets law abiding gun owners. Here's a decent test for whether or not a bill or resolution is proposed in good faith - if it disproportionately targets law abiding citizens instead of criminals, then the bill is in bad faith. We must already undergo background checks with the federal government in</p>

	<p>order to procure a firearm legally. This process works. What doesn't seem to be working is the reality that the state could be using its existing laws more effectively - which it doesn't seem to have any will to do. The Club Q shooter was known by law enforcement and yet was still allowed to buy a gun. Sounds like the police and the NICS background check process need to learn how to communicate better. Why is the state's failure being used as justification to further infringe the rights of citizens that had no part in the shooting?^{[1][2][3]} Ultimately, this endeavor will be met with fierce legal resistance. It's a huge waste of our taxpayer money. The Supreme Court has already established how to interpret laws that infringe our 2nd Amendment rights. This legislative body will burn money fighting and losing in court - it will come at the expense of other pressing challenges that Colorado faces.</p>
<p>Steven Dean Against themselves</p>	<p>I am respectfully opposing this bill because it is in violation of the US Constitution, Amendment 2 as stated: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."</p> <p>It is also a violation of Section 13 of the Colorado Constitution as stated: "The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question;..."</p> <p>If enacted, this law will have no effect on the illegal and unethical uses of firearms that it claims to alleviate and will only inconvenience citizens who seek to acquire arms for legal and ethical purposes. This bill is unnecessary, wasteful of legislative resources, and does not address the underlying psychological issues that cause humans to be destructive with firearms.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to the great state of Colorado.</p>
<p>Dale Theiling For themselves</p>	<p>As a concerned citizen of Colorado, I would like to state my position of support for HB23-1219, to implement a 3-day waiting period for the delivery of a firearm. Thank you.</p>
<p>Mark Kaiser Against themselves</p>	<p>HB23-1219 would not have made any difference in the horrific crimes, mass shootings and murders at Columbine, the aurora theater, the STEM school, the Boulder King Soopers, and Club Q. The monsters that committed these atrocities take plenty of time and planning before carrying out their vile agendas.</p>

	<p>Waiting periods are of no consequence to criminals. While it may possibly decrease suicide, the studies are not consistent or robust in their conclusions on homicides or other crimes committed with guns. This bill would only delay first time buyers needing fire arm for self-defense that would limit their ability to safeguard themselves and their loved ones.</p> <p>HB23-1219 would be just another law that would have no effect on those that want to do harm to law abiding citizens.</p> <p>Mark Kaiser 7035 Zenobia st Westminster, Co 80030 3035980630 Registered volunteer lobbyist</p>
<p>Marilyn Hughes For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing in support of HOUSE BILL HB23-1219. As a retired teacher I have never forgotten the effect of the Columbine shooting on my students. (Even though it occurred in another school). It makes me sick to think how school shootings of every kind from kg. to college have now proliferated. Columbine was the first time but unfortunately not the last when students had to shelter in their classroom , cover the windows to the hallway and hope that someone with a gun would not break in. My students were terrified. How we got to the situation we have now with people getting their hands on lethal weapons and killing children for no reason is hard to understand. However keeping these military style weapons out of people’s hands is something we can do. Hopefully, the extra days to wait for background checks will make a difference. We owe it to our children. Please vote in favor of HB23-1219.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marilyn Hughes 1126 4th Ave Longmont, Colorado</p>
<p>Toby Davidow For themselves</p>	<p>I am writing, in my own words and thoughts, and as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action, for your support of this bill that would put in place a 3 day wait period between the buying of a gun and when the buyer can actually take possession of the gun.</p> <p>Having still been living in S. FL. with a friend whose 2 sons were in Parkland during the shooting - and thankfully survived - perhaps having to wait longer to buy a gun could have changed the direction this tragic case went. Other cases that happened in the past - and might be prevented by this legislation - is definitely worth the change.</p>

	<p>I look forward to this becoming the law in Colorado.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Toby Davidow</p>
<p>Theodore Cahoon</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>A waiting period prior to receiving a firearm is unconstitutional, a bill like this will not reduce gun violence. According to the Crime Prevention Research Center, there is no statistical evidence that waiting periods have any reductive effect on gun related crimes or suicide. Such a bill only serves to inconvenience a lawful buyer.</p> <p>I have experienced a waiting period in California which has had a 10 day waiting period for a number of years. The crime rate there increased. At the same time, the environment was negatively affected as buyers drove to a firearms dealer to purchase a firearm and fill out paperwork, then had to make a second trip to pick up their purchase. It's annoying and stupid.</p>
<p>Steph Young</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I am vehemently opposed to HB23-1219. I am a Colorado resident who has seen this state change for the worse over the last 10 years. The degeneracy in the Denver metro area is astounding, in the worst way possible. Highest fentanyl deaths in the country, number one for car theft in the country, and consortium of tent cities that would make one pause and wonder if they were in California.</p> <p>Instead of focusing on using legislative attention and resources to address these pressing issues, Colorado's State Legislature is now turning its attention to law abiding gun owners in order to infringe on our Constitutionally protected 2nd Amendment rights. Let's be clear - NONE of the laws including this bill will do anything to prevent gun violence. Criminals don't care about laws. The law specifically targets law abiding gun owners. Here's a decent test for whether or not a bill or resolution is proposed in good faith - if it disproportionately targets law abiding citizens instead of criminals, then the bill is in bad faith.</p> <p>We must already undergo background checks with the federal government in order to procure a firearm legally. This process works. What doesn't seem to be working is the reality that the state could be using its existing laws more effectively - which it doesn't seem to have any will to do. The Club Q shooter was known by law enforcement and yet was still allowed to buy a gun. Sounds like the police and the NICS background check process need to learn how to communicate better. Why is the state's failure being</p>

	<p>used as justification to further infringe the rights of citizens that had no part in the shooting?</p> <p>Ultimately, this endeavor will be met with fierce legal resistance. It's a huge waste of our taxpayer money. The Supreme Court has already established how to interpret laws that infringe our 2nd Amendment rights. This legislative body will burn money fighting and losing in court - it will come at the expense of other pressing challenges that Colorado faces.</p>
<p>TREVOR VALDEZ</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>I OPPOSE THIS BILL AND STAND AGAINST PASSING IT. PLEASE COUNT MY VOTE AGAINST THIS.</p>
<p>Alexander Cisneros</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>Chair and members of the committee, my name is Alexander Cisneros. I am representing myself as a Junior at Denver East High School. I am writing so that you may be inspired to vote in favor of this bill.</p> <p>Since I was eight years old, and especially this year, I have fought with thoughts and actions of self-harm. With difficulty, I have managed them, but there are times when my personal ways to manage them fail horrendously, resulting in harm to myself. When I am of age, I am worried that this would result in. Well, I figure that you can infer as to what my concern is.</p> <p>The waiting period proposed in this bill would provide a cooling off period. It would allow people like myself, dealing with something similar to what I deal with, to rethink their intentions and what they plan to do. It would allow friends or family to intervene. It would save lives.</p> <p>I regret that I was unable to deliver this in person, and so cannot directly address your questions or the testimony of others against this bill. Insofar as thought takes me as to what may be said or asked, I offer the following:</p> <p>To those testifying against this bill on the basis of recreation or rights, I would say that they are whining about a short period akin to waiting for an amazon order.</p> <p>To those speaking as to personal safety, I would state that it is proof that we need to ensure that those who can access firearms are those who will use them safely, so as to remove this fear. That we need to deal with the root causes of violence that makes one fear for their safety.</p> <p>To those speaking of the dangers of crime, I would recommend to this body that, in the house and senate at large, you take measures to eliminate the root causes of violent crime instead of attempting to facilitate the arming</p>

	<p>of those who are liable to act out of fear, even if there are some who can effectively de-escalate a situation.</p> <p>To those in favor of this bill, be they committee members or those giving testimony, I would state that this bill alone is not enough to ensure safer communities. Greater legislation is needed to ensure that those who can use firearms responsibly are able to access them. The whyfores, wherefores, and other questions of logistics as to this request I leave to you legislators and your aides; I am but a junior in high school, after all.</p> <p>For the protection of myself and others, please make this law, and continue to pass common sense gun legislation. Thank you.</p>
<p>Anthony DeAngelis Against themselves</p>	<p>After living through the chaos that was 2020 COVID pandemic and a summer of rioting across the country and world; it became very apparent and individual's right to access firearms for personal protection is essential to living in a free society and one in which law enforcement is outnumbered. Californians saw the brunt of waiting periods on firearm purchases when they needed them at the moment, not several days later.</p> <p>This bill will not help anything but make people more vulnerable.</p>