

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am alarmed by this statement submitted today by Christopher Barsotti.

*An adequate waiting period for restoration of firearm **privileges** is essential to prospectively observe an individual's behavior after discharge from hospital, and to confirm that the person in question remains compliant with therapy - and thereby stable from a psychiatric/medical perspective. Regional standards for waiting periods is 5 years; in my professional opinion, waiting periods less than 18 months impose unnecessary risk to individual and public health.*

S.141 is not dealing with privileges. It is dealing with **RIGHTS**.

Where in the second amendment do you see the word privilege?

"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."

Where in article 16 do you see the word privilege?

CHAPTER I. A DECLARATION OF THE **RIGHTS** OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Article 16

"That the people have a **right** to bear arms for the defence of themselves and the State - and as standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; and that the military should be kept under strict subordination to and governed by the civil power."

You need to remember that you are dealing with Vermonter's rights. **Vote NO to S.141**

Thank you,
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