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Senate Republican Leader Greg Baca Issues Statement Following Advancement of HB 129

HB 129 creates a mandatory 7-day waiting period to purchase a firearm

SANTA FE—Tonight, the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced HB 129 on a party-line vote of 6-3 with all Senate Republicans voting against the measure. This legislation would create a mandatory 7-day waiting period to purchase a firearm. The legislation closely resembles SB69 which the Senate Judiciary Committee also advanced on a party-line vote.

Senate Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (R-Belen), issued the following statement regarding the bill's advancement:

"This bill isn't about stopping crime or tragedy. This bill is about a deeper desire by the Democrats in the legislature to remove a constitutionally guaranteed right simply because they don't understand that guns are just a tool, not the cause of violence."

"Rest assured, the safety of the people in our communities has only been harmed, not helped, by moving this legislation forward. The people of New Mexico should be outraged."

Both HB 129 and SB 69 will now be considered by the full Senate.

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