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LD 168

Please forgive my grammar and punctuation if it is lacking. I did my best.
Thank you!

Felons who wish to do harm will transfer firearms between each other regardless of if LD 168 becomes law. Hindering the transfer of firearms between people who are trusted friends, coworkers or other people who are not prohibited persons will not stop felons from getting firearms illegally. Maine is a very safe state with - as far as I know - the least violent crime in the nation. What proof is there that the subject matter of LD 168 is such a rampant problem in Maine that it needs government attention and interference? I would bet 99.9% people who transfer firearms privately between each other do so in accordance with existing state and federal law. Why add more hurdles and inconvenience for a constitutionally protected right when it is not even a problem 99.9% of the time in this state? One reason: To control with the pretense of public safety.

LD 168 isn't even enforceable to people who wish to break it. How is the government going to know Felon "A" gave a firearm to Felon "B" if it isn't in public with someone watching that understands what is going on? It is nonsensical in my opinion because even if they are caught, Felon "A" already had the firearm and broke the law; a law that was already in place. Felons who wish to break the law are going to do it regardless of if there is a law telling them not to. Ninety-nine percent of the people who are going to be affected by this are regular joe firearms enthusiasts, hunters, and second amendment enjoyers. I am not even going to get on my soap box about how there is already enough hurdles for firearm owners already that violate the second amendment. If something is not really a problem, why add yet another law to the books?

This is why I believe LD 168 should not become law.