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LD 22

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Maine Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Re: LD 22, An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons

Dear Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Kim Moulton. I am a taxpayer and resident of Fairfield, Maine. I am writing in opposition of LD 22, An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons.

It is already a serious crime to sell, give, transfer, or otherwise provide a firearm to a prohibited person - punishable by fines and 10 years in a federal prison. These prohibitions include felons, certain lawful and illicit drug users, unlawful foreign nationals, persons under current domestic violence restraining orders or having a prior domestic violence conviction, and fugitives from justice.

While all new laws may come with severe punitive consequences for violators, equal considerations must be made for potential breach of civil liberties; additional police work and training, and judicial expenses paid by Maine taxpayers.

The expense and redundancy are unnecessary. It would be prudent for state and local law enforcement agencies to continue to refer suspected violators to the relevant federal agencies.

I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Respectfully,
Kim Moulton