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LD 1696

To whom it may concern: Thank you for your service to the state. I am writing in opposition to LD 1696: "An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearm". I will keep this short as I understand there will be plenty of testimony from both sides of the issue. I feel this piece of legislation has the potential to create a de-facto firearms ban. Litigation mitigation is the goal of most companies and individuals, that being said, LD 1696 might cause firearms manufacturers and lawful firearms wholesalers and retail dealers to stop selling into (or in, for the case of local FFL dealers) the state of Maine. This might directly oppose the second amendment along with the recent Bruen decision out of the Supreme Court of the United States. I would also imagine this legislation will be immediately challenged in federal court, with a very good chance of it being overturned. Any ruling against this legislation will almost certainly stop it from ever be re-introduced in the future. This legislation does nothing to stop the illegal use of firearms. Instead it potentially makes access to retail firearms impossible for the law abiding. We should let the existing laws work, and put effort into new legislation for enhancement of mental health services (which is really the root of the problem) instead of passing unconstitutional laws in vain, which will likely be overturned anyway. Thank you!