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LD 1696

Testimony 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 Firearms

My name is Daniel Masessa from Montville and I write to you in opposition of LD 1696.

Nothing in this bill will stop a criminal from breaking the law or stop the criminally insane from doing harm but will infringe on the law-abiding gun owner and the legal gun industry. It's just another back door attempt to attack the Second Amendment and our Constitutional right to bear arms.

The text of the bill is vague and ambiguous. The term you use, "abnormally dangerous" is quite frankly an embarrassment. Society is full of dangerous items in the hands of people every day, i.e. chain saws, kitchen knives, baseball bats, power tools, automobiles, the list goes on. Do you want to ban everything we use everyday and cripple all of our nation's industries?

Even today, Maine is still one of the safest states in the country. We don't have a gun problem in Maine. Let me remind you all as legislators your oaths to the U.S.

Constitution and the State of Maine Constitution:

"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."

"Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."

I urge the Committee to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1696.

Sincerely,  
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