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LD 2086

In Opposition of LD 2086 "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms"

Senators and Representatives of the Committee On Judiciary, my name is William Smith and I live in Gorham. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of LD 2086.

This bill makes it so that no one can lend a firearm to another person without concern that their property could be seized and destroyed by the State.

There is no way for one person to know the heart or mind of another. If the lender had no concern or reason to believe a person was going to use a firearm for any unlawful act why would the State hold that person responsible in part for the unlawful act?

Some people will say this bill does not hold the owner responsible for the act. But the State can not remove property from an individual without satisfying due process that the individual is guilty of some crime. So this bill implicitly finds the owner of the firearm guilty of some un-described illegal act.

In light of this I request you members of the Committee to vote OUGHT NOT PASS for LD 2086.

Thank you.

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