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My name is Maks and I believe that this upcoming legislation will do very little to help your average Maine citizen. Limiting person to person sales places an undue burden on Mainers living in the more remote areas of the state. It will also detrimentally affect the poorest among us by forcing law abiding people to pay extra in orser to go through an FFL. Maine currently has some of the lowest gun violence statistics in the country and this sort of reactionary gun control has done nothing to curb gun violence anywhere else. I grew up outside of Baltimore, Maryland. Maryland has some of the tightest gun control in the country and the only thing it has done is keep regular citizens disarmed in the face of potential danger. These policies are typically enacted for the peace of mind of people who live in suburban and urban areas of Maine that have very little exposure or self described "need" for firearms for pest control, protection, or fun at the expensive of those of us that live in rural areas who legitimately require our weapons for the protection of our family and property. Police response times through the rural areas of Maine are on the rise and when seconds count they are sometimes up to 45 minutes away. This legislation will only serve to make your average Mainer more vunerable to criminals who will not consider any legislation before committing their crimes. I hope that the comittee will take into account the impact this legislation will have on the rural communities that continue to do their best to keep maine beautiful and safe, while not having much money to do so.