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Testimony in Opposition to: LB2224 An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by
Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health Sys

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Public Hearing

To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee: I write today to express my opposition to LD 2224. As a law-abiding gun owner, this bill concerns me greatly, as I have numerous previous bills that have come before this Committee and ultimately been rejected. The language is vague and as is becoming the norm for these gun control bills repeatedly being presented, significantly unenforceable. We already have a problem with laws not being enforced and common sense should dictate that we not add to that problem by creating more ineffective laws. Aspects of this bill leave too much room for interpretation, which could result in citizens who have made honest errors or done their due diligence subject to extreme penalties, including a lifetime ban on owning firearms. It is the job of the legislative body to thoughtfully craft and enact laws that are clear and provide practical solutions to existing issues within society. Our problems are not going to be fixed with another cumbersome and unenforceable law being passed by legislators who are not truly interested in educating themselves on this topic and instead, are driven to enact laws out of an abundance of emotion tied to any specific event. Words on a piece of paper that can result in citizens being heavily penalized including being stripped of constitutional rights must be well-thought out, clearly communicated and enforceable and this bill does not meet that standard. I ask that you vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 2224.