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LD 2283

As a taxpaying, law abiding, born in the United States of America and voting resident of Maine, I respectfully request that LD2283 will not be enacted.

My husband, father, and every generation of my family since 1720 have served in the United States Military to defend and preserve our country and the Constitution of the United States and Bill of Rights -- (My father a USNavy flyer on the USEssex in WWII Pacific Theater; and husband a USMarine with two tours Vietnam).

Therefore, I believe I am more than qualified to speak on behalf of this faithful, law abiding family and heritage.

I ask for this no vote because no "gun" ever killed anyone by itself. The removal of legal guns will simply increase the number of illegal guns used in most crimes. It will only hurt honest people.

Law abiding citizens own guns lawfully -- as evidenced by the fact that they are law abiding members of society. Sports men and women and legal gun collectors are not at the heart of Society's crime problem. It is the criminals and those who are not fit to own guns. Lawful citizens DO NOT CREATE THE CRISIS WE SEE TODAY. It is promulgated by lax enforcement of existing laws upon criminals.

The answer to gun violence and gun crime is to enforce the laws already in existence AND prosecute the criminals and put away the criminally insane -- instead to placing them back into society after a crime for an underdetermined length of time, when they are repeat criminals.

ANY kinds of firearms in the hands of legal, responsible gun owners is NOT the problem! Stop punishing and harassing law abiding citizens who own and collect guns and go after the ones who commit the crimes, or should not have been on the streets in the first place.

Thank you for considering these facts when making your determination of LD 2283.